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Creator of Rave Master

FAIRY TAIL

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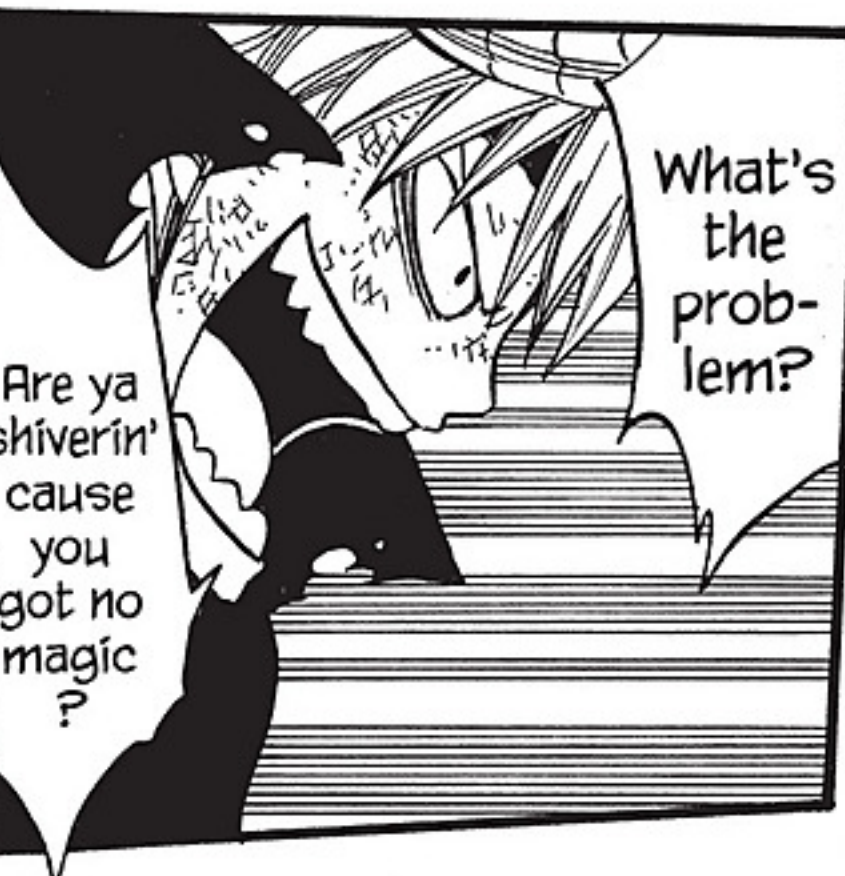
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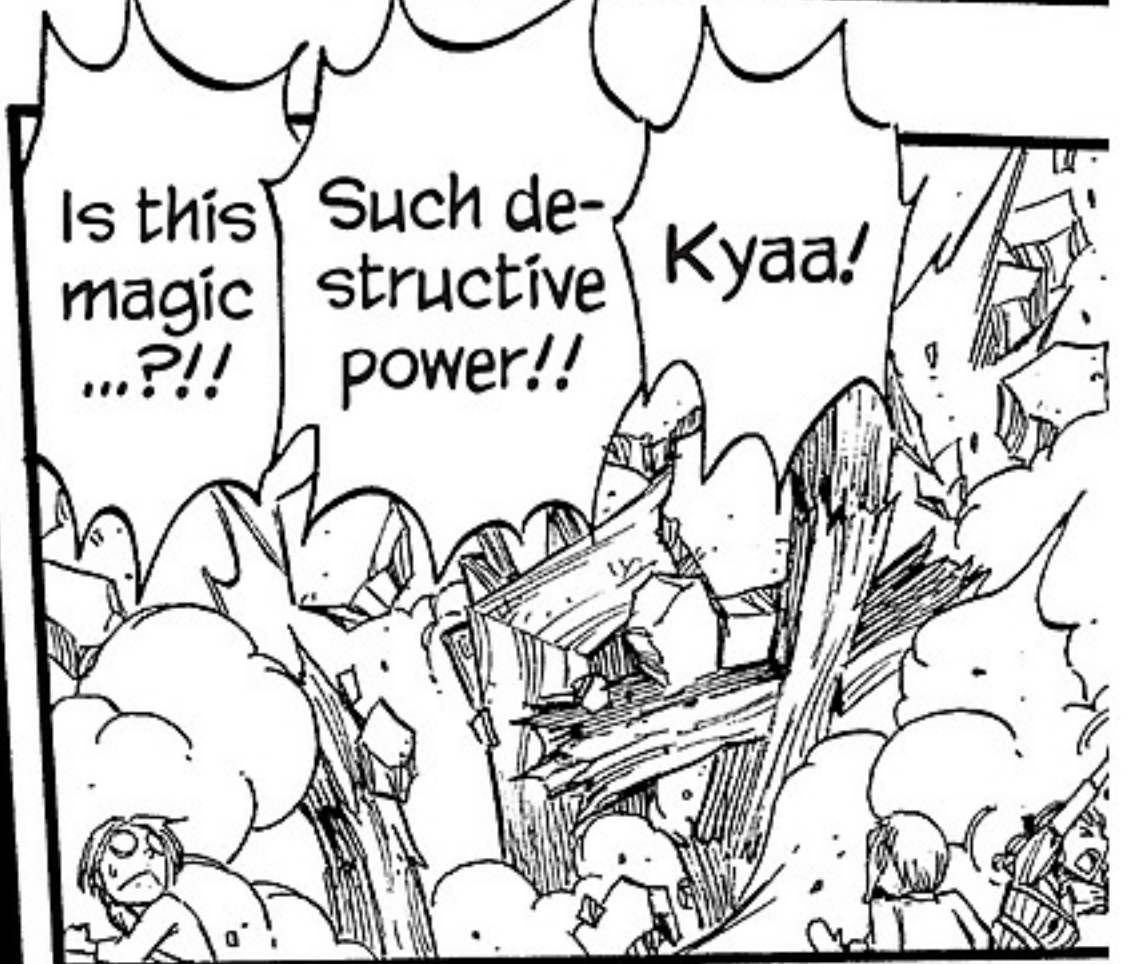
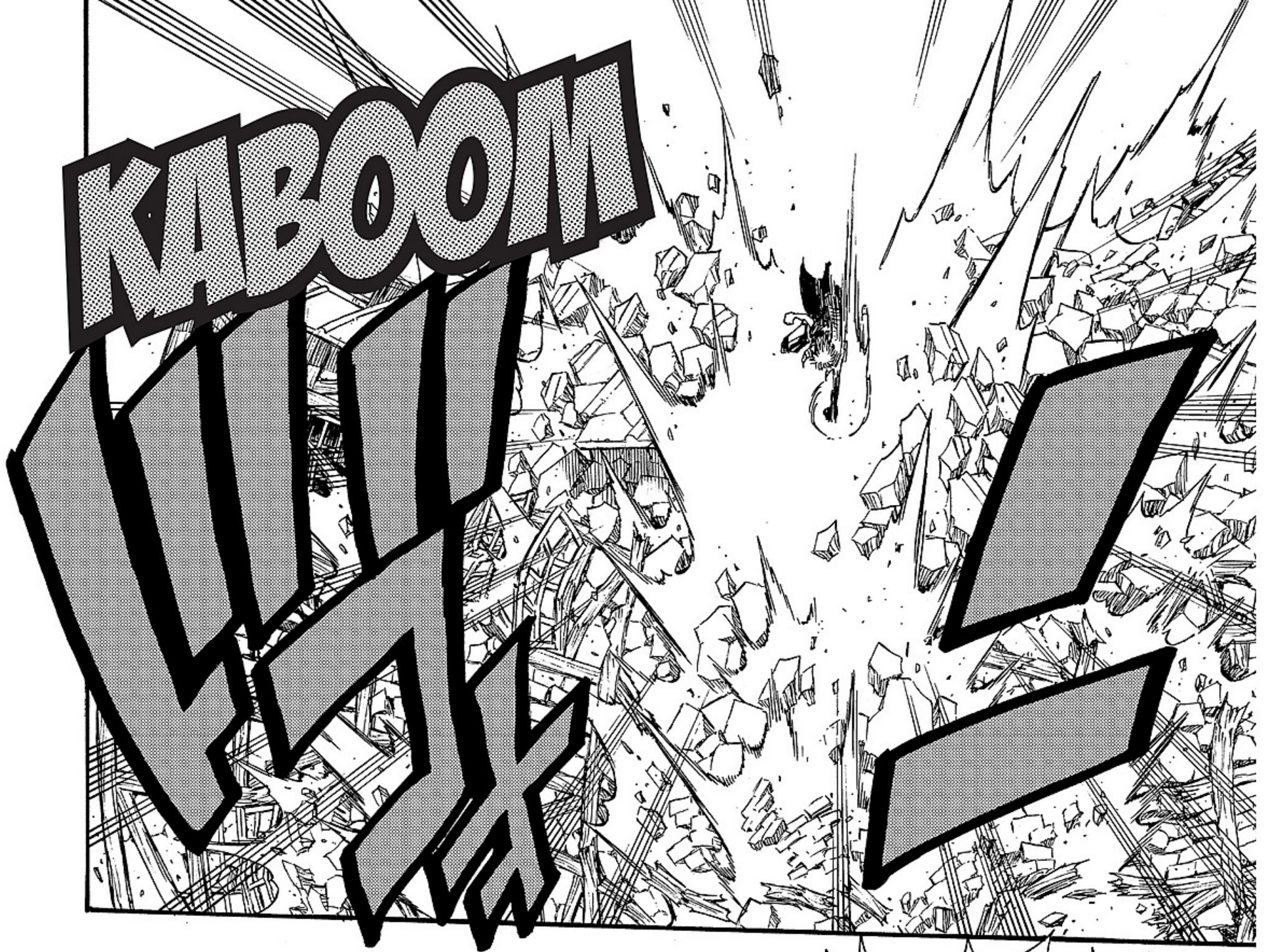
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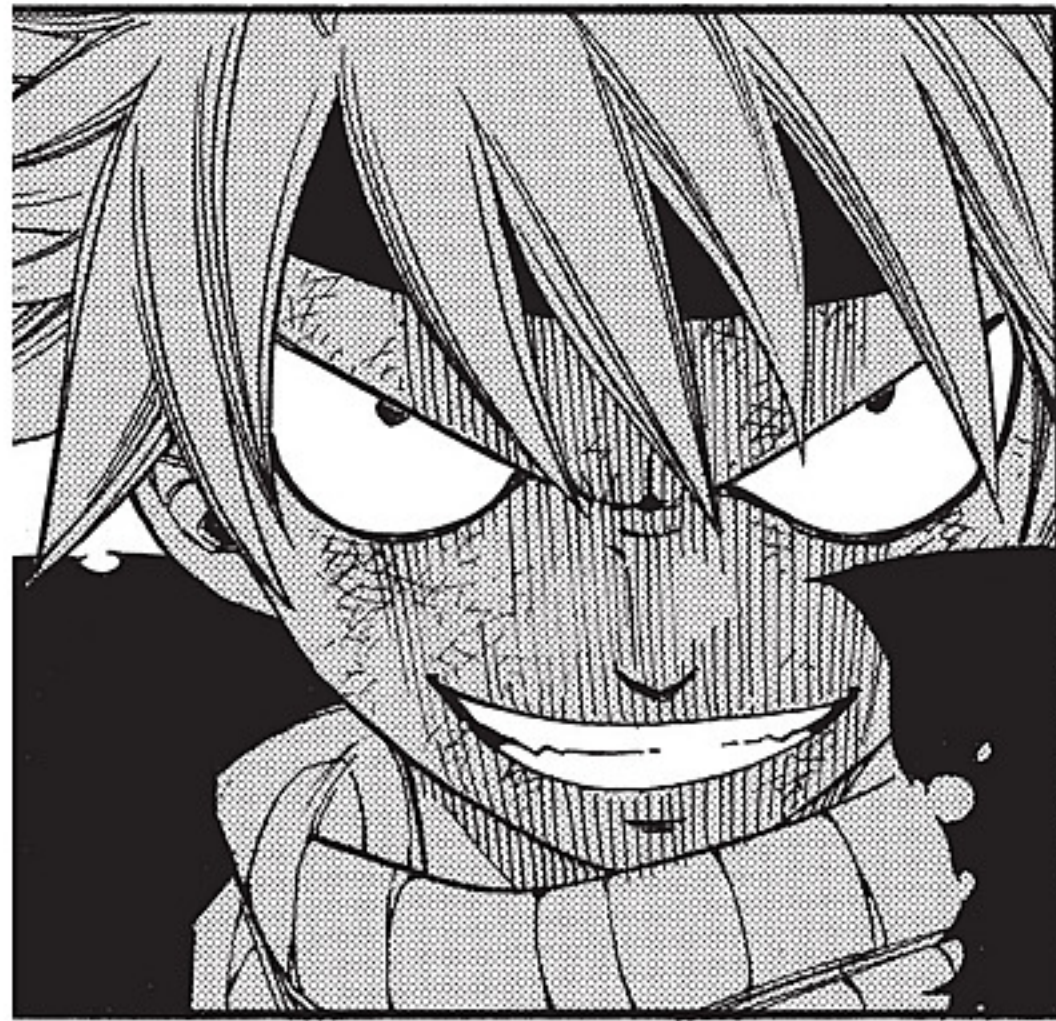
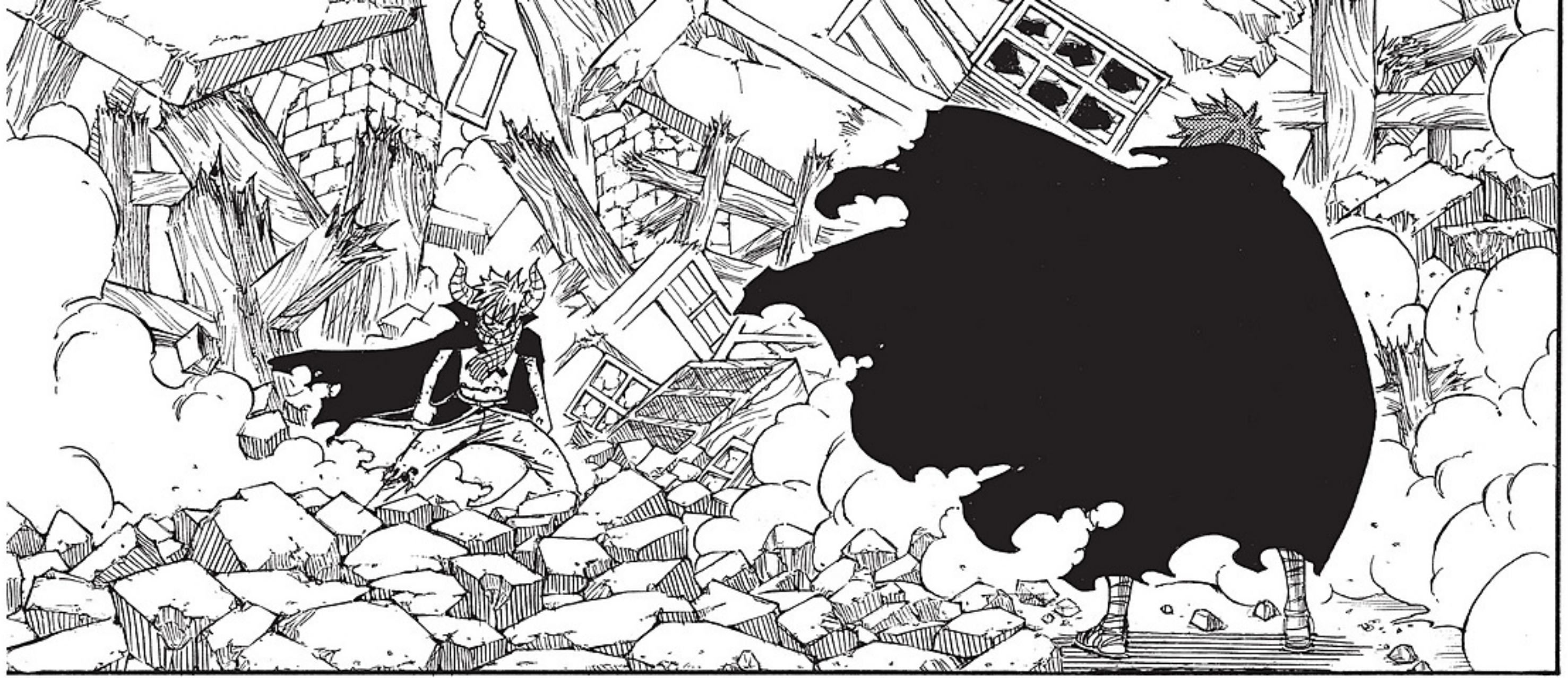
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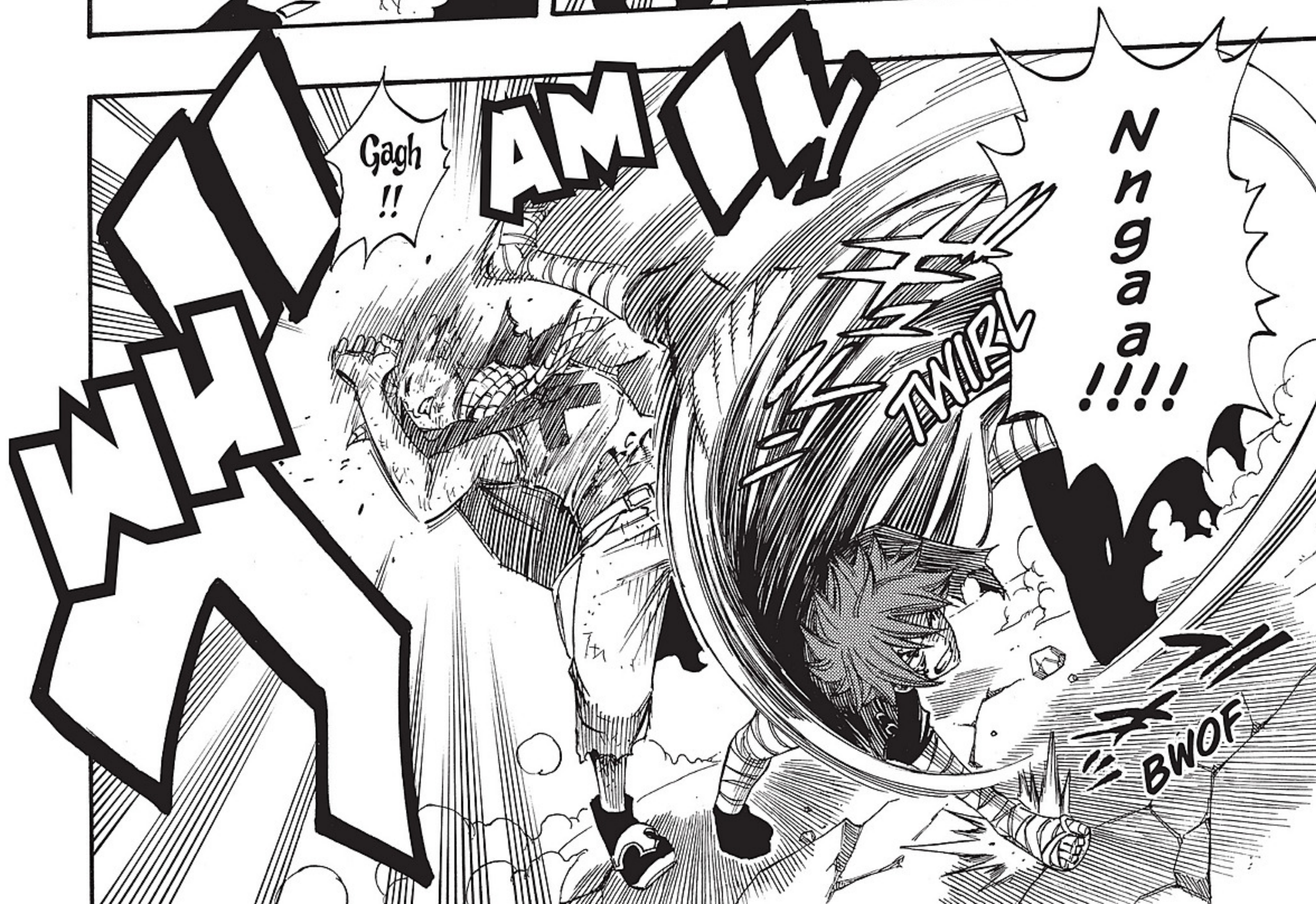
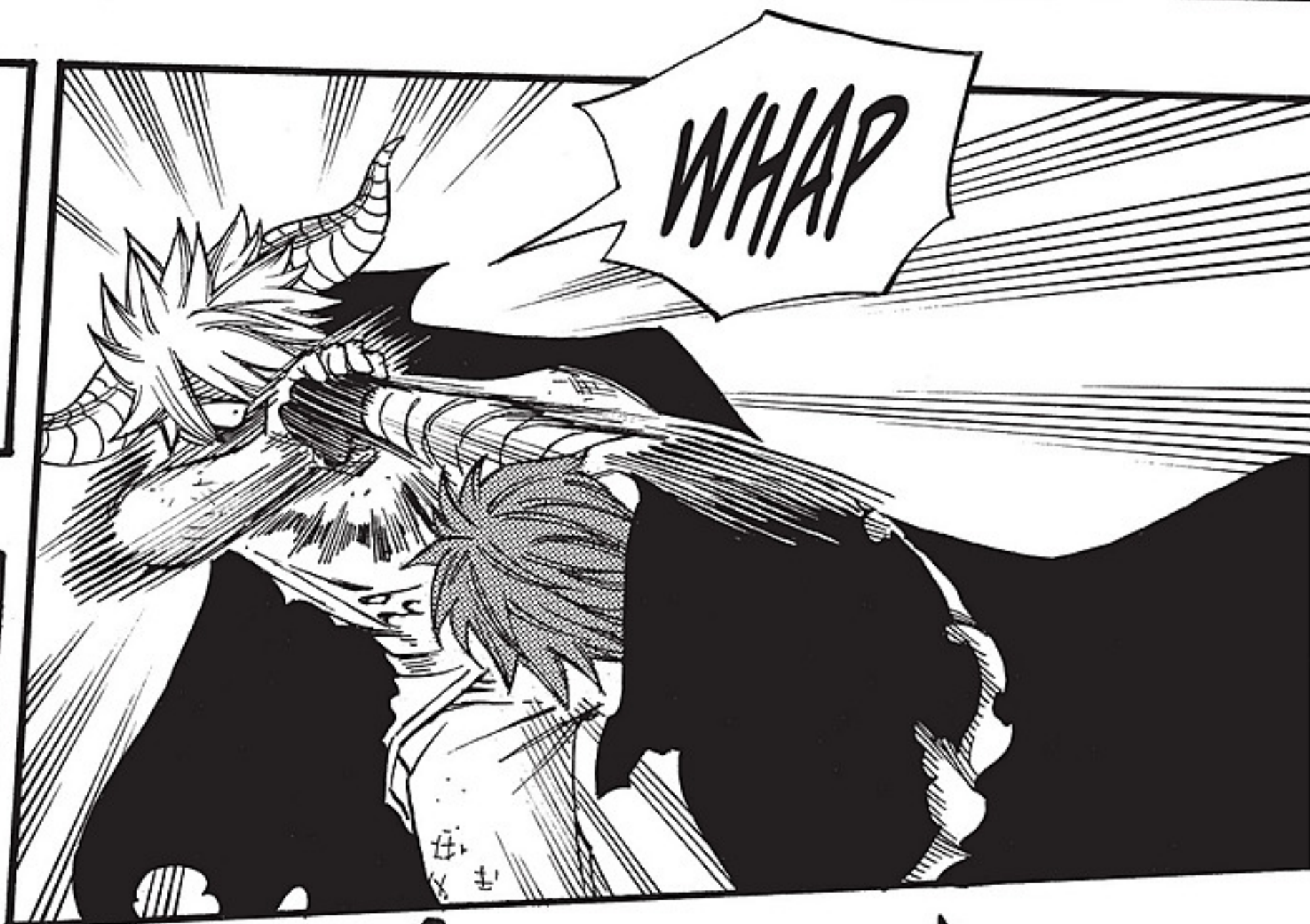
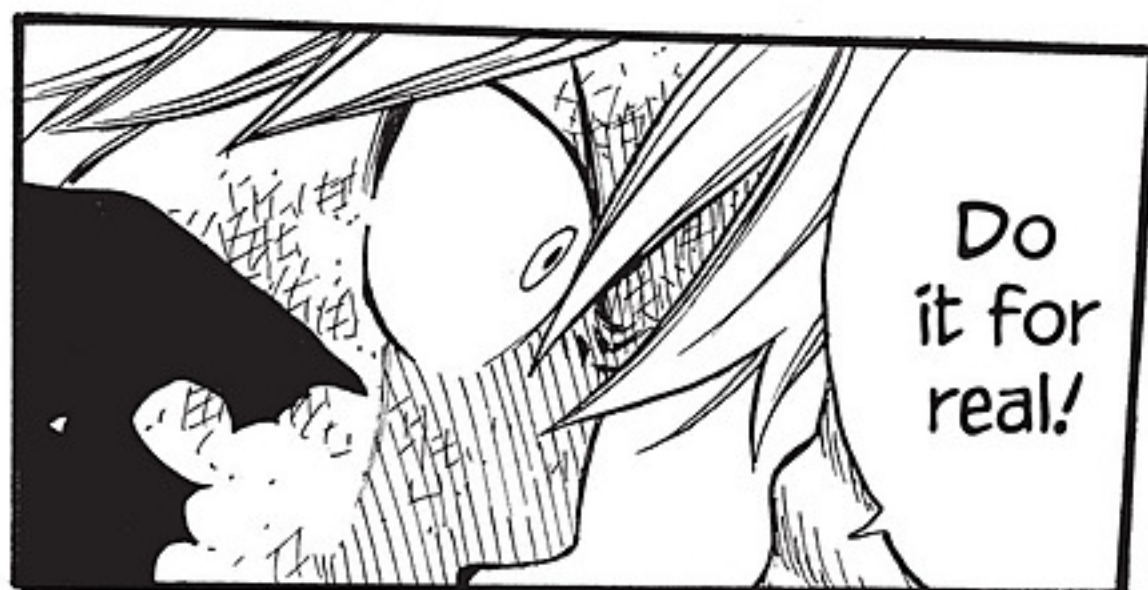
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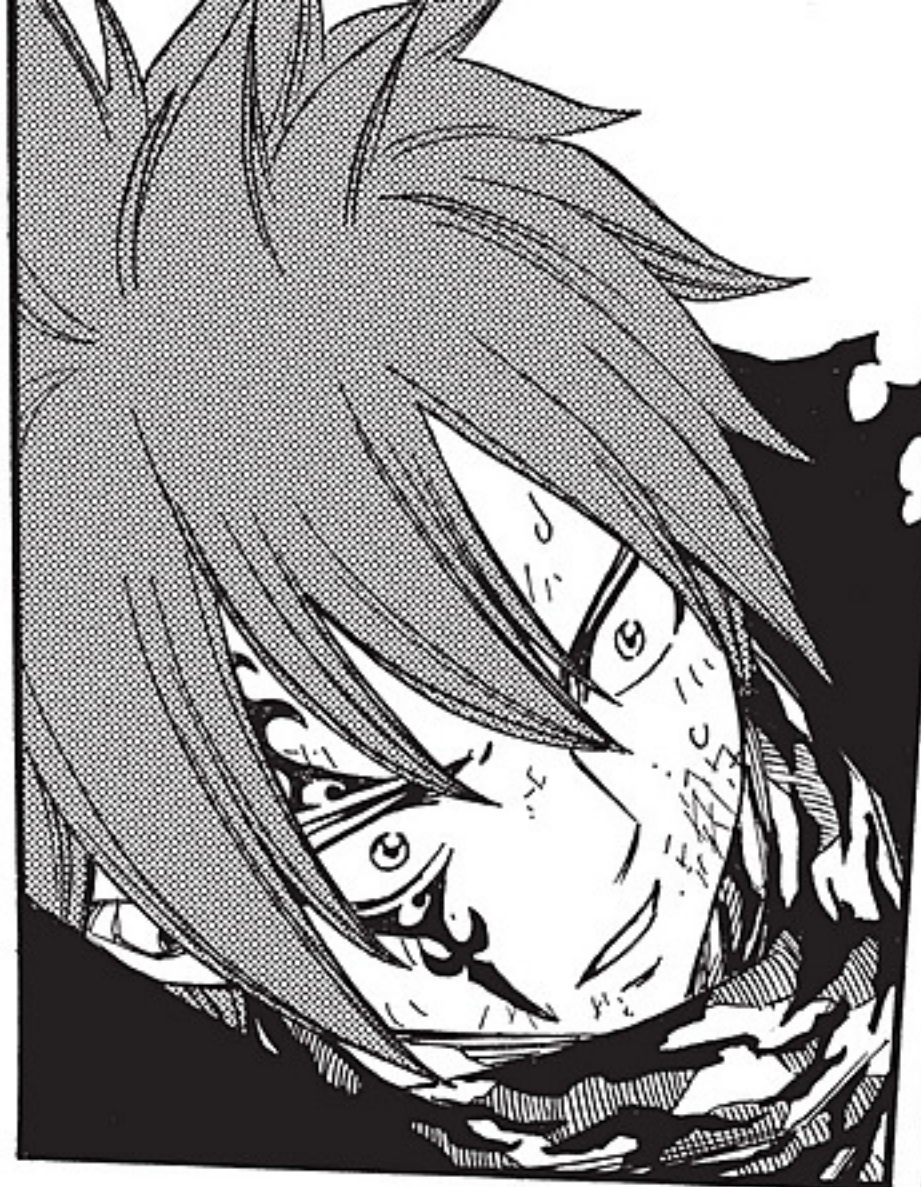












Hang in there!!!

Take him down!!!

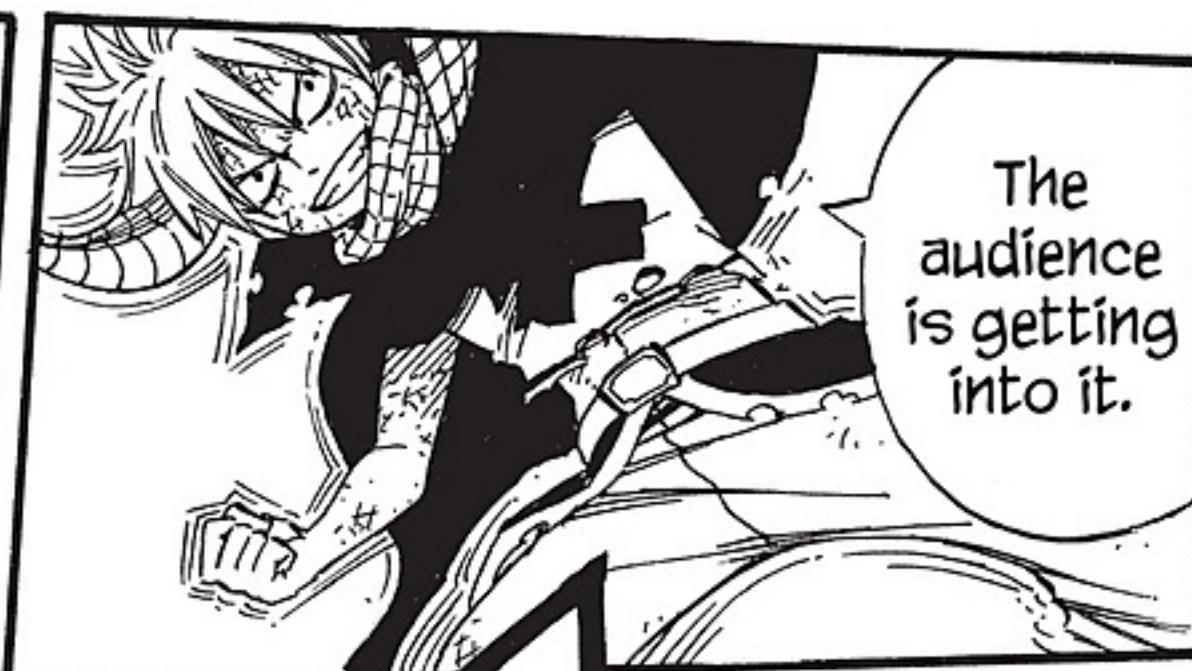
Way to go, Prince!

Right!



If you're faking this, why don't you take your fall now?

You idiot!!



The audience is getting into it.



You bastard, he's our prince...

Prince !!

Nooo !!



This is a Fairy Tail send-off party done my way!



Lemme tell you the three rules for anybody who wants to leave Fairy Tail.

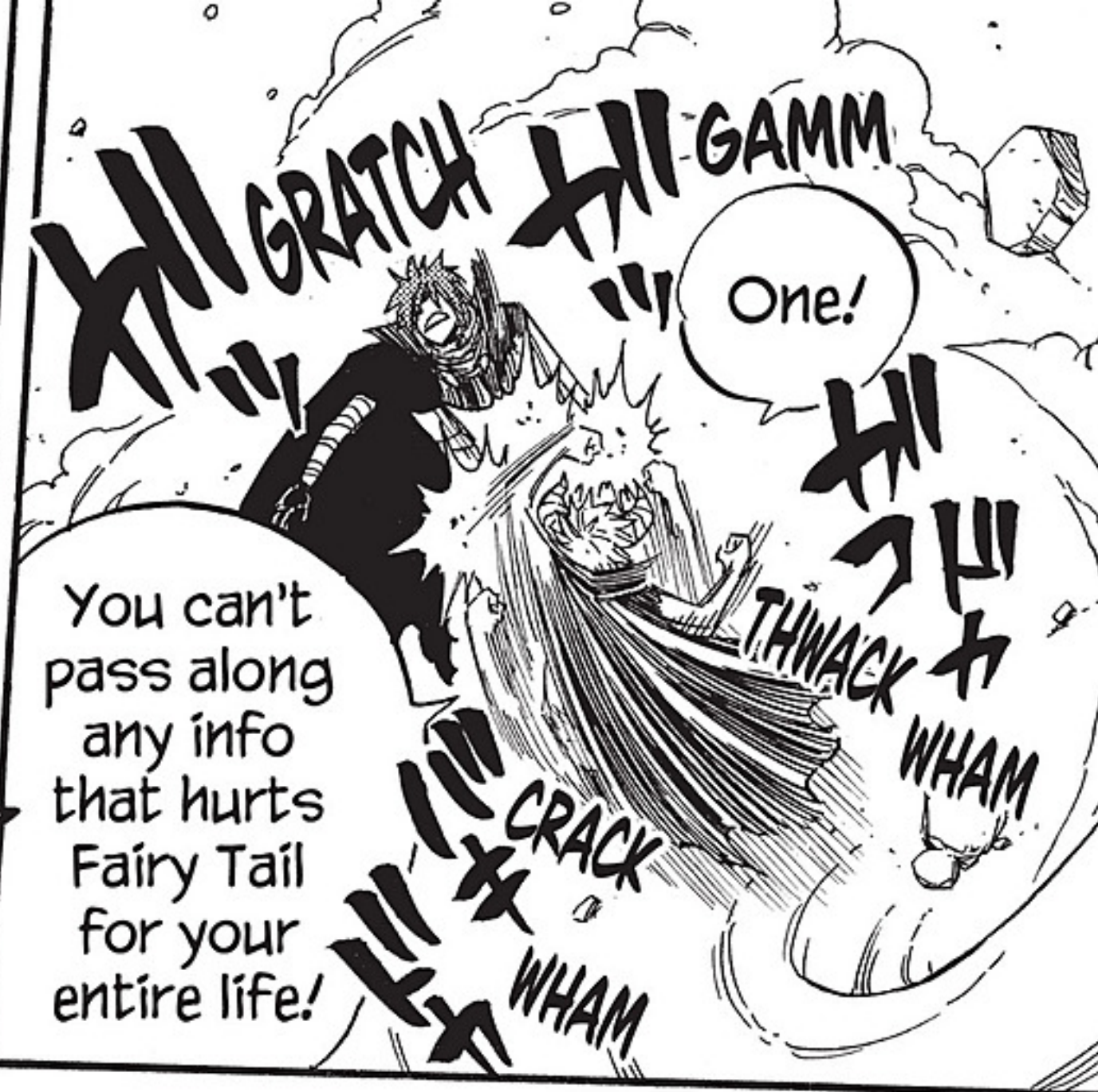


Don't wanna !!!!



What was two again?

Two...



One!

You can't pass along any info that hurts Fairy Tail for your entire life!



Even when you screw up...

...you gotta live your life with all the strength you got all the time!



Three!



One must never contact former Fairy Tail clients without permission in order to make a profit for oneself.

Yeah, that.

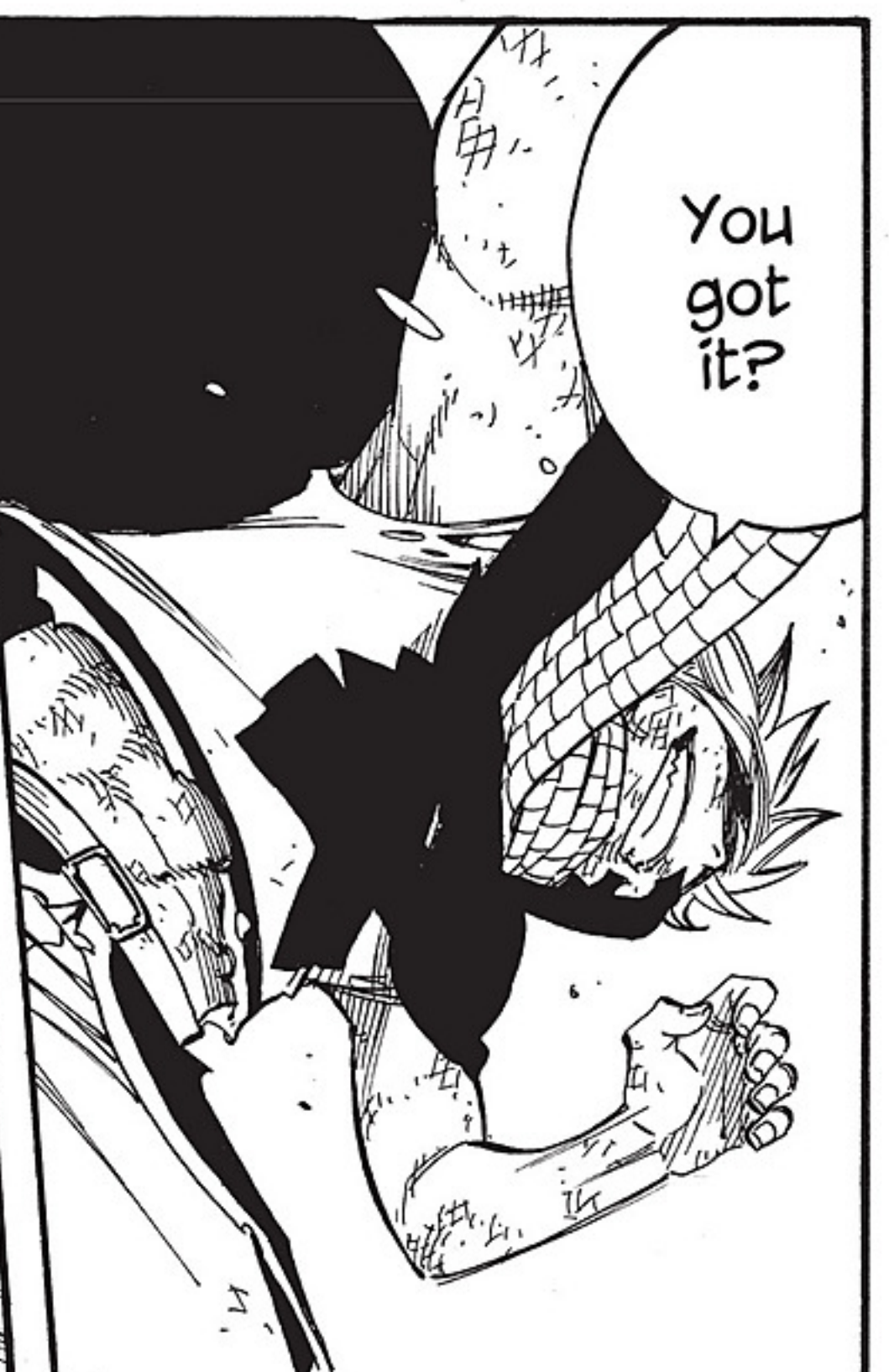
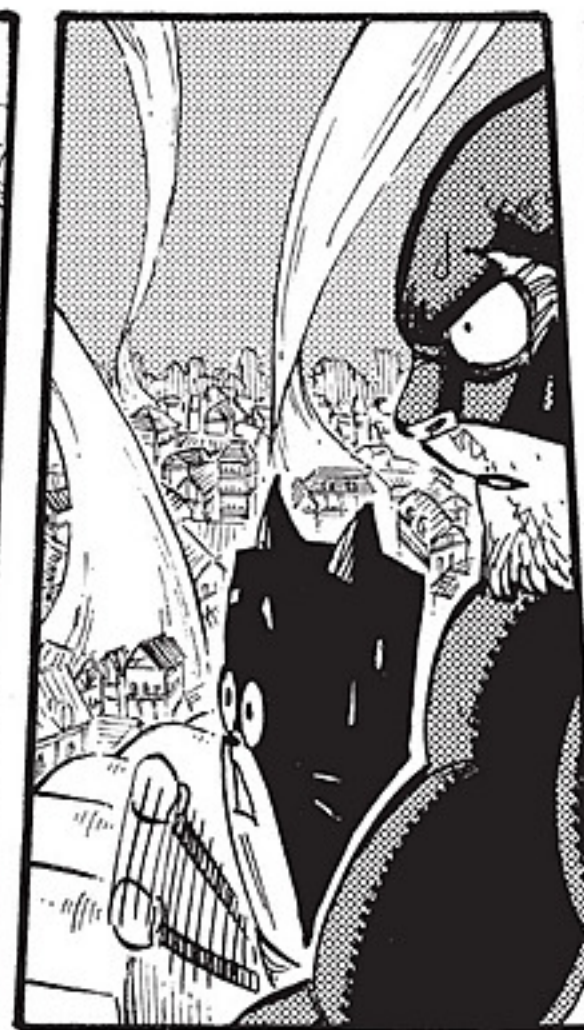
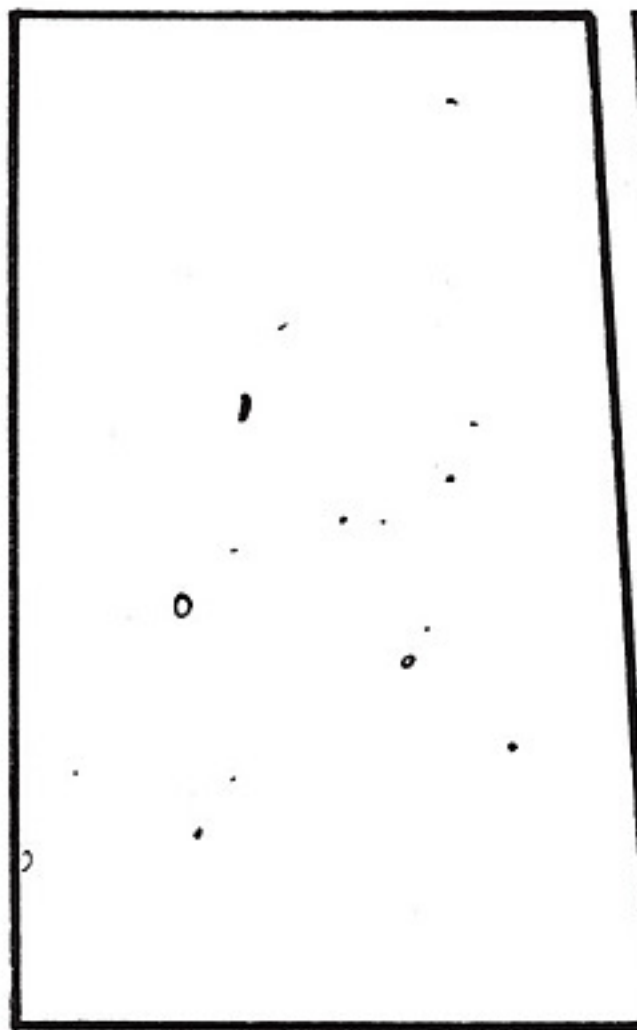


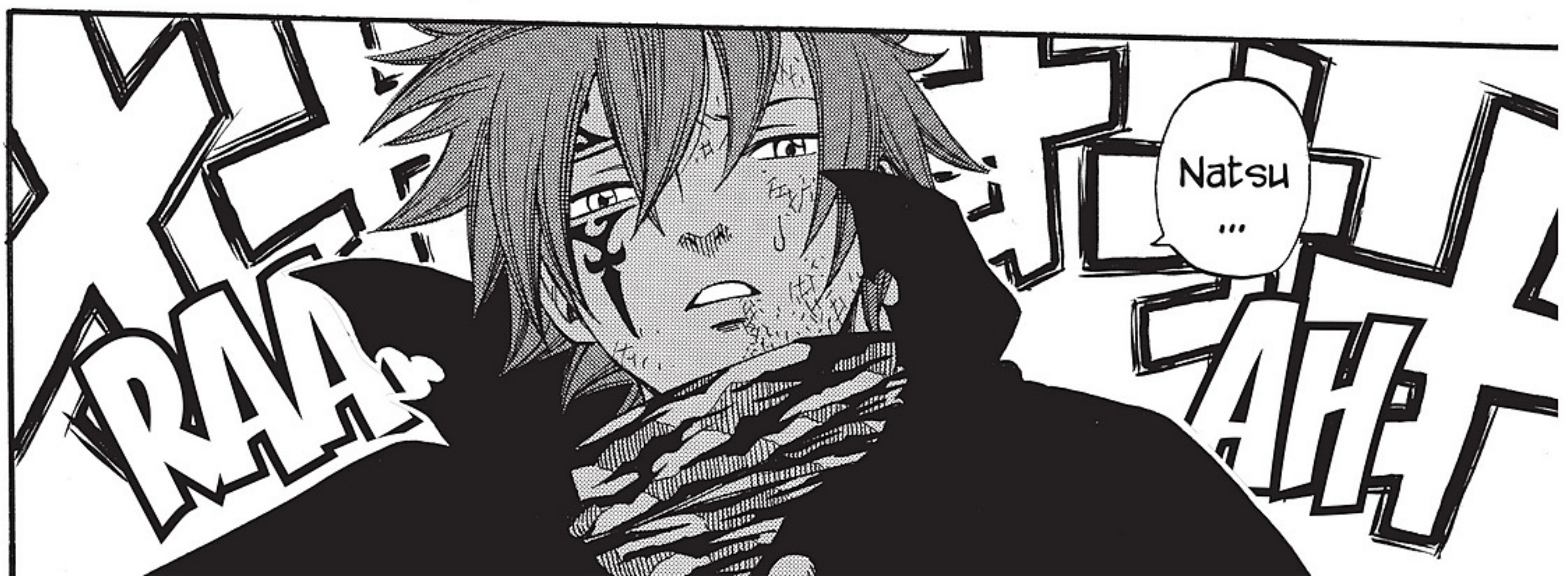
...the friends you love.

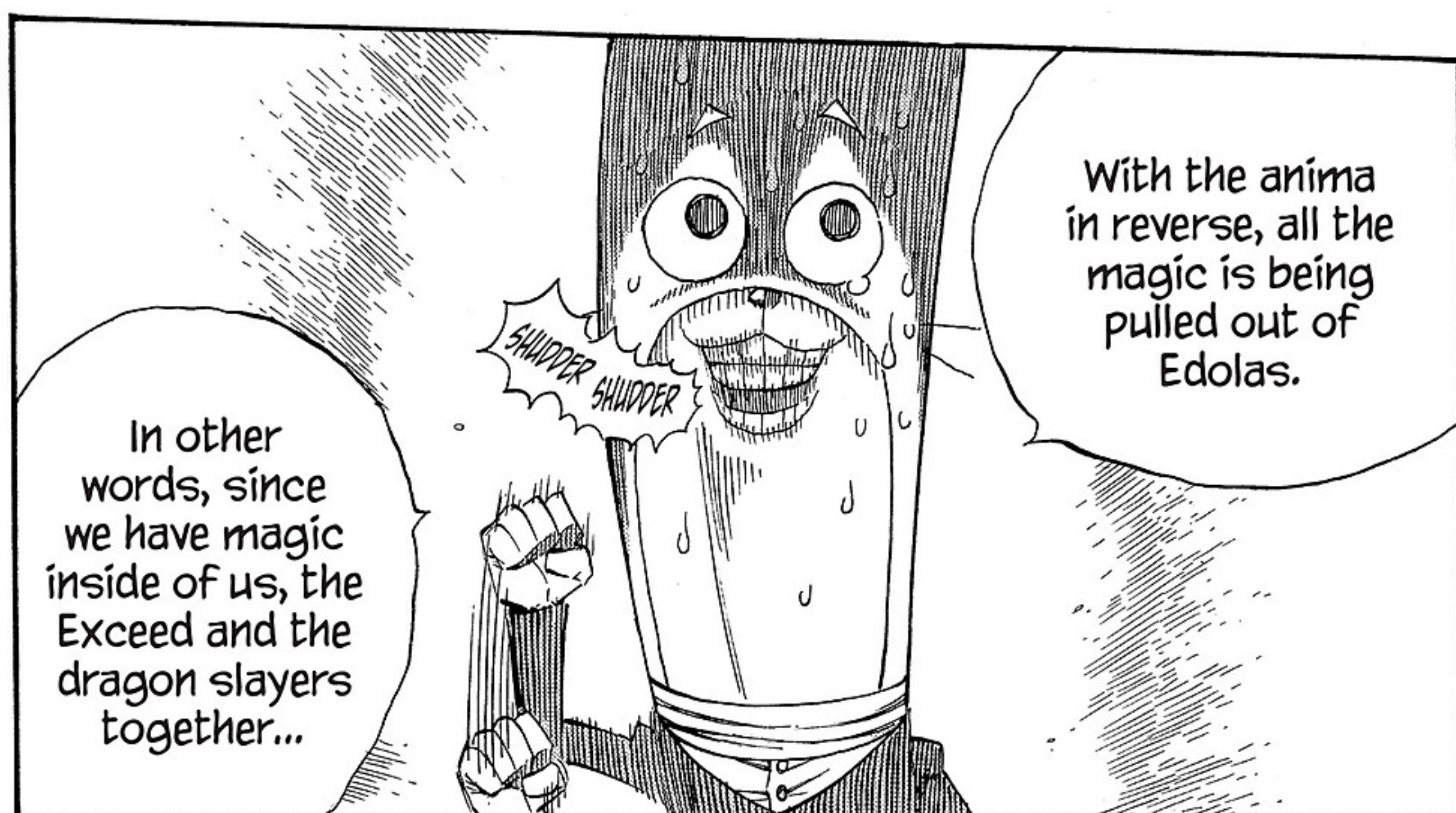


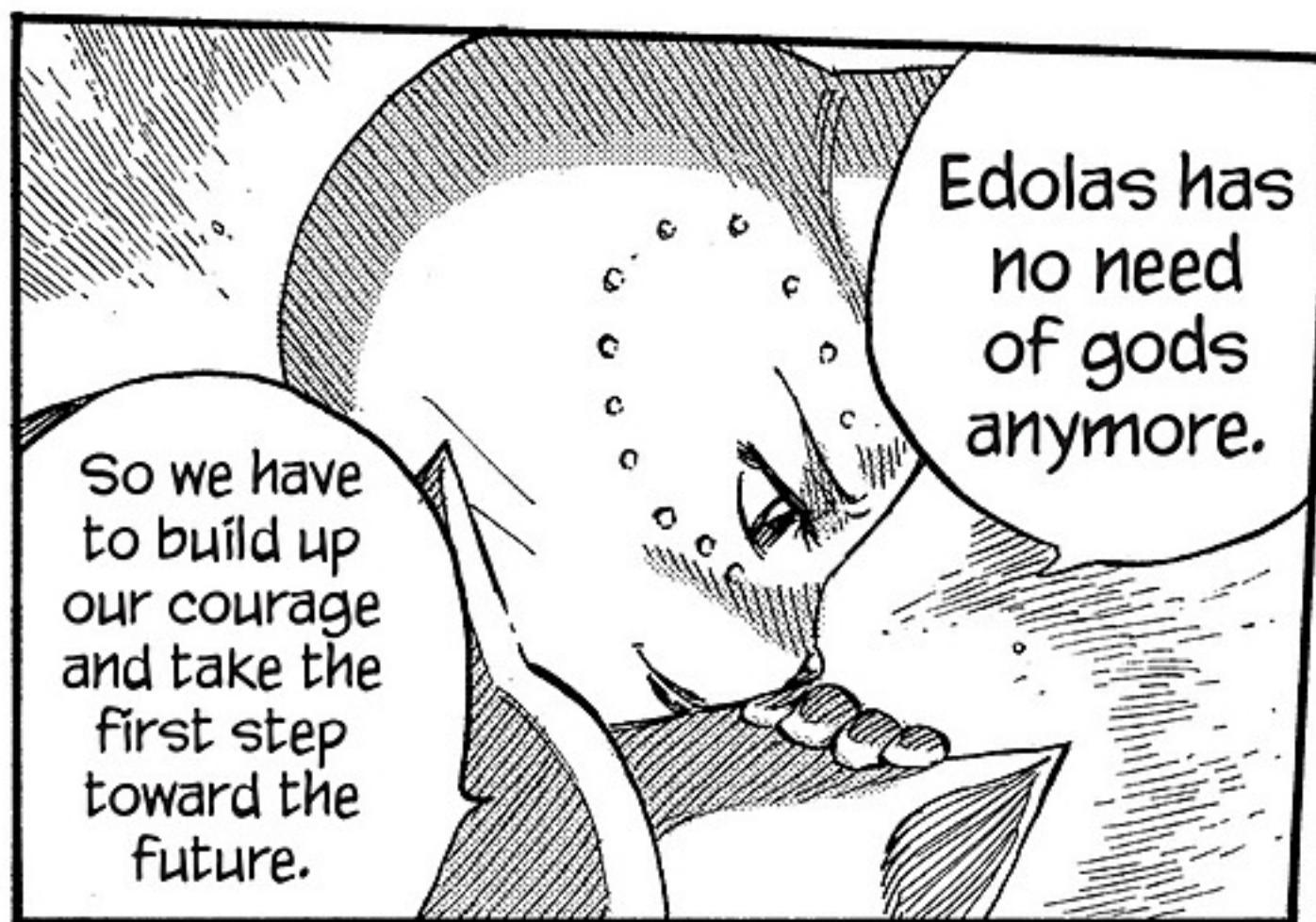
And you can't ever forget...

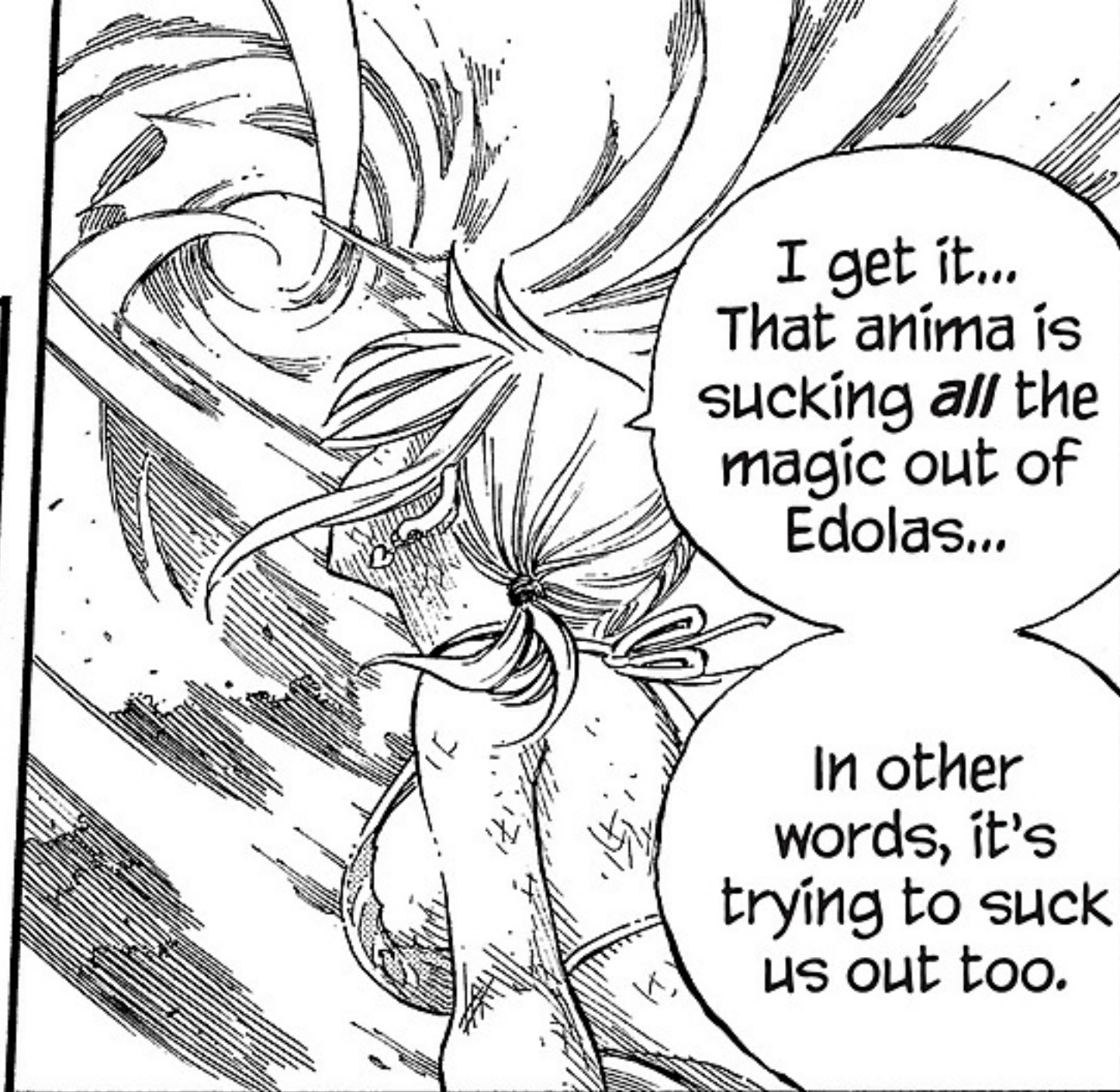
You can't go thinking of your life as something small or not worth it!

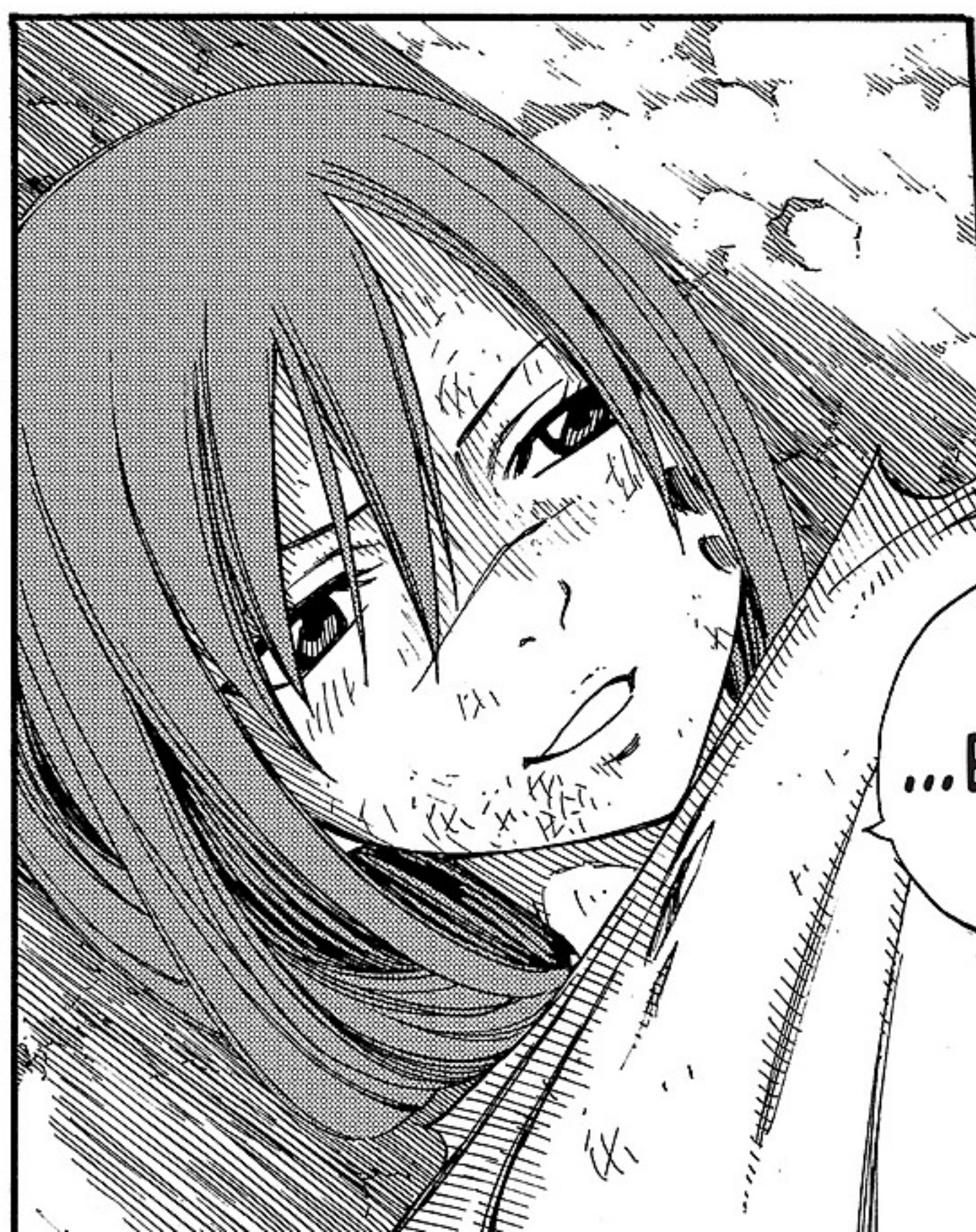
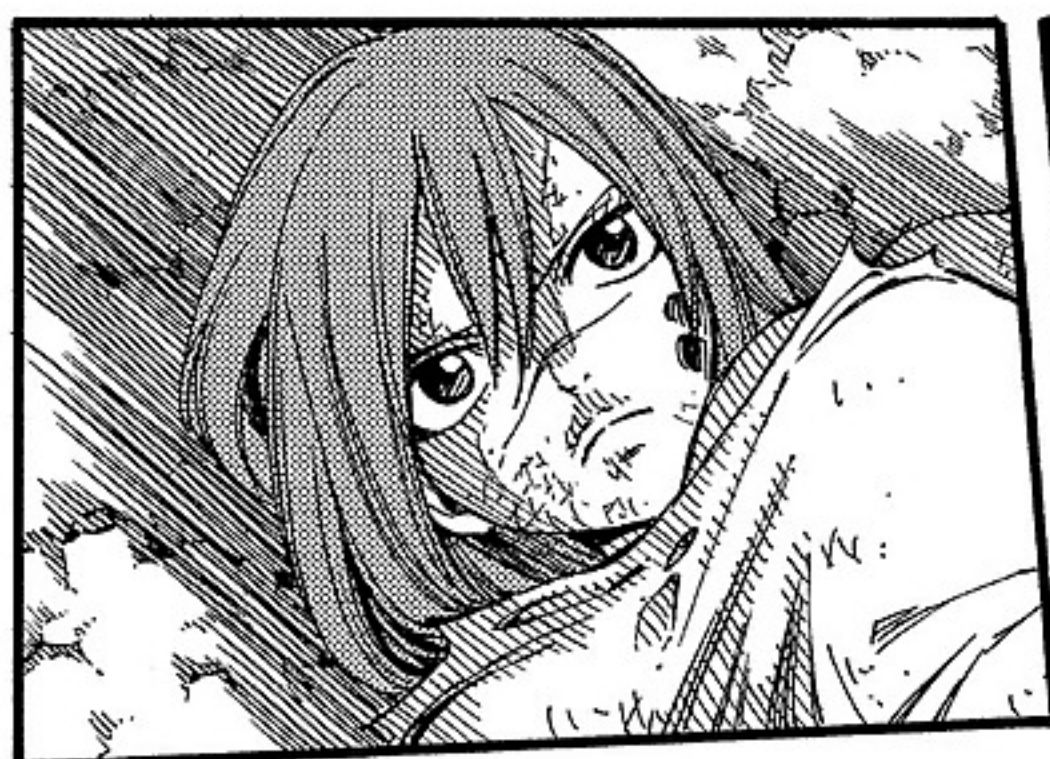
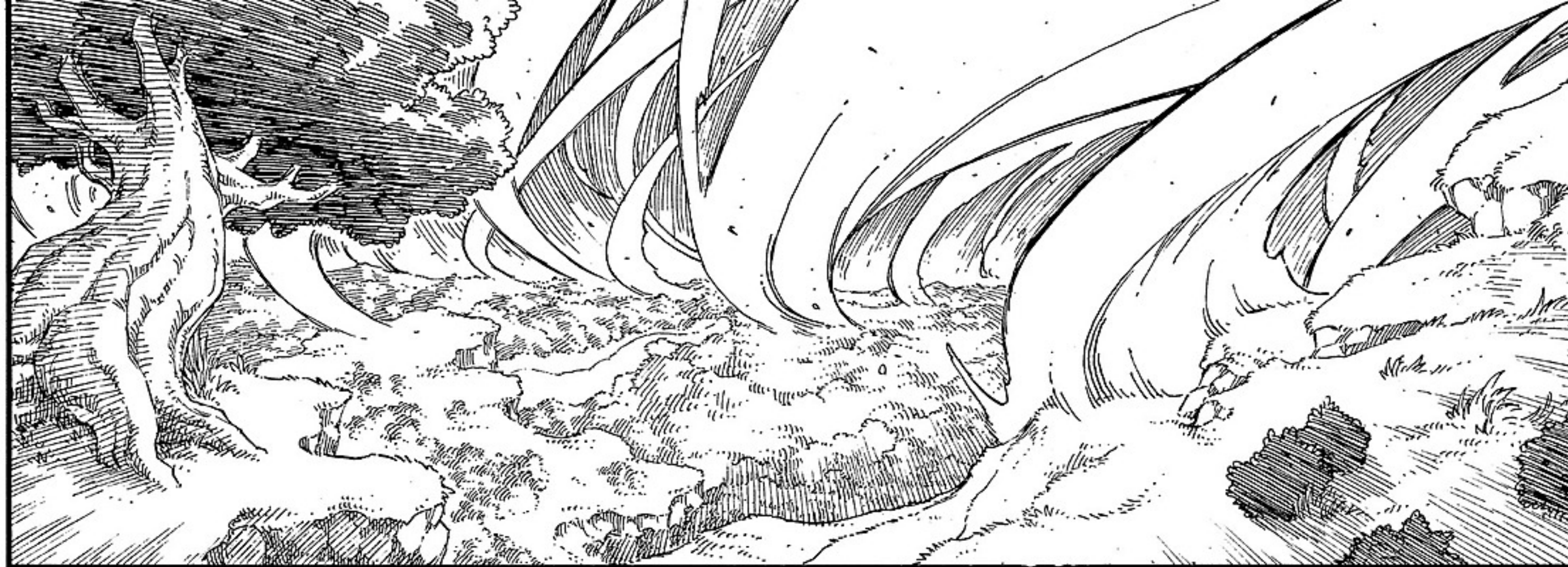




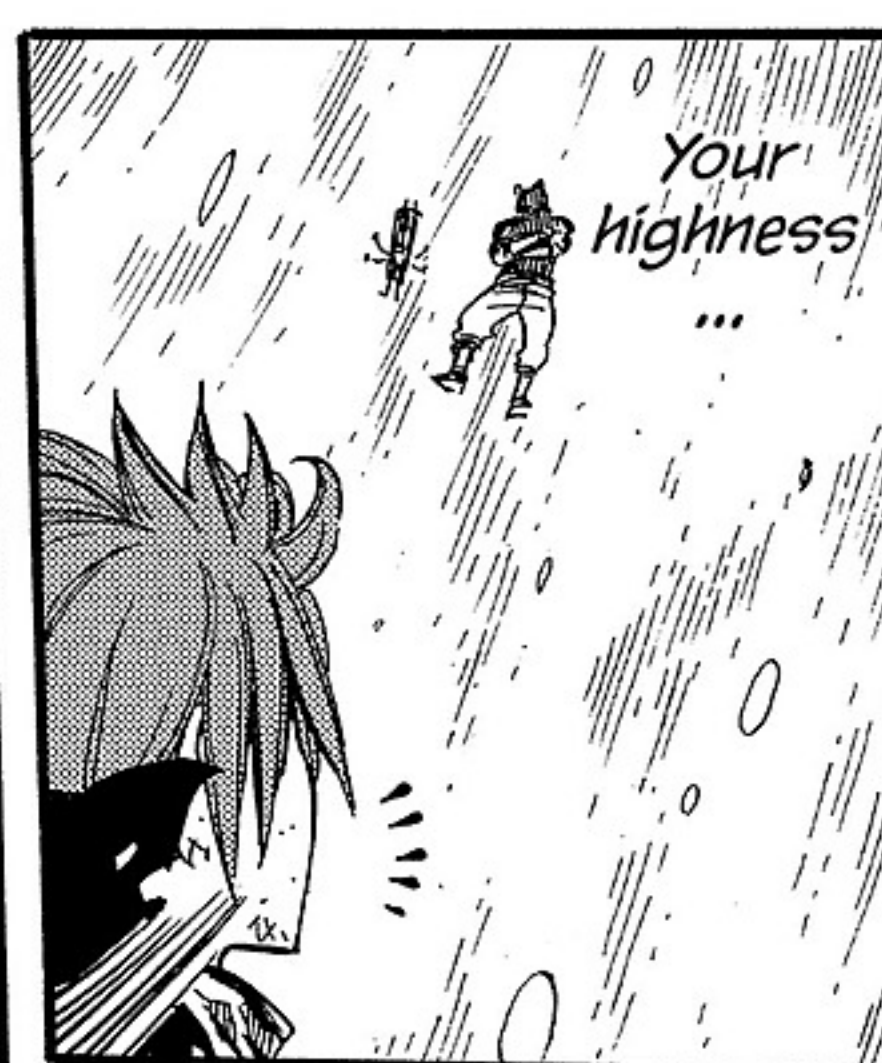


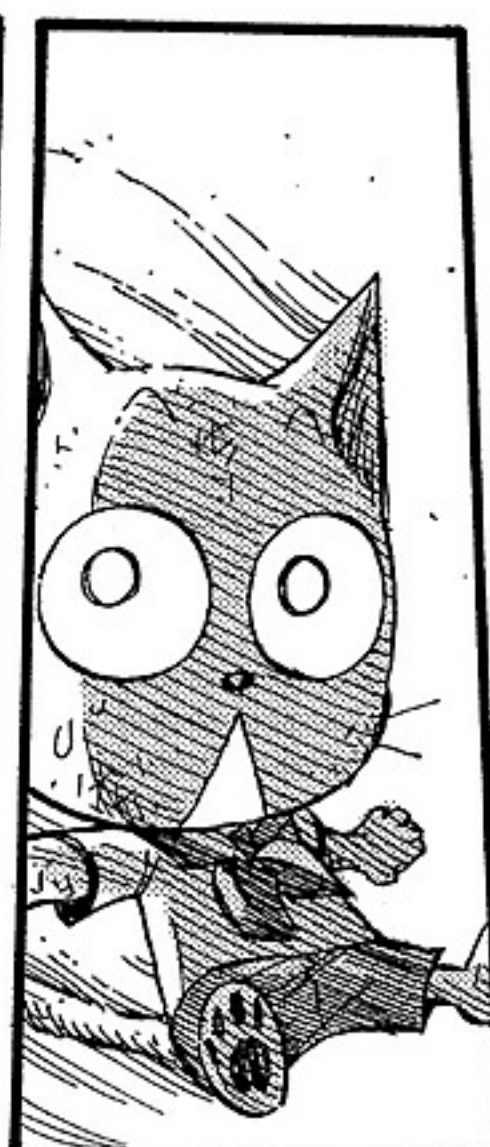


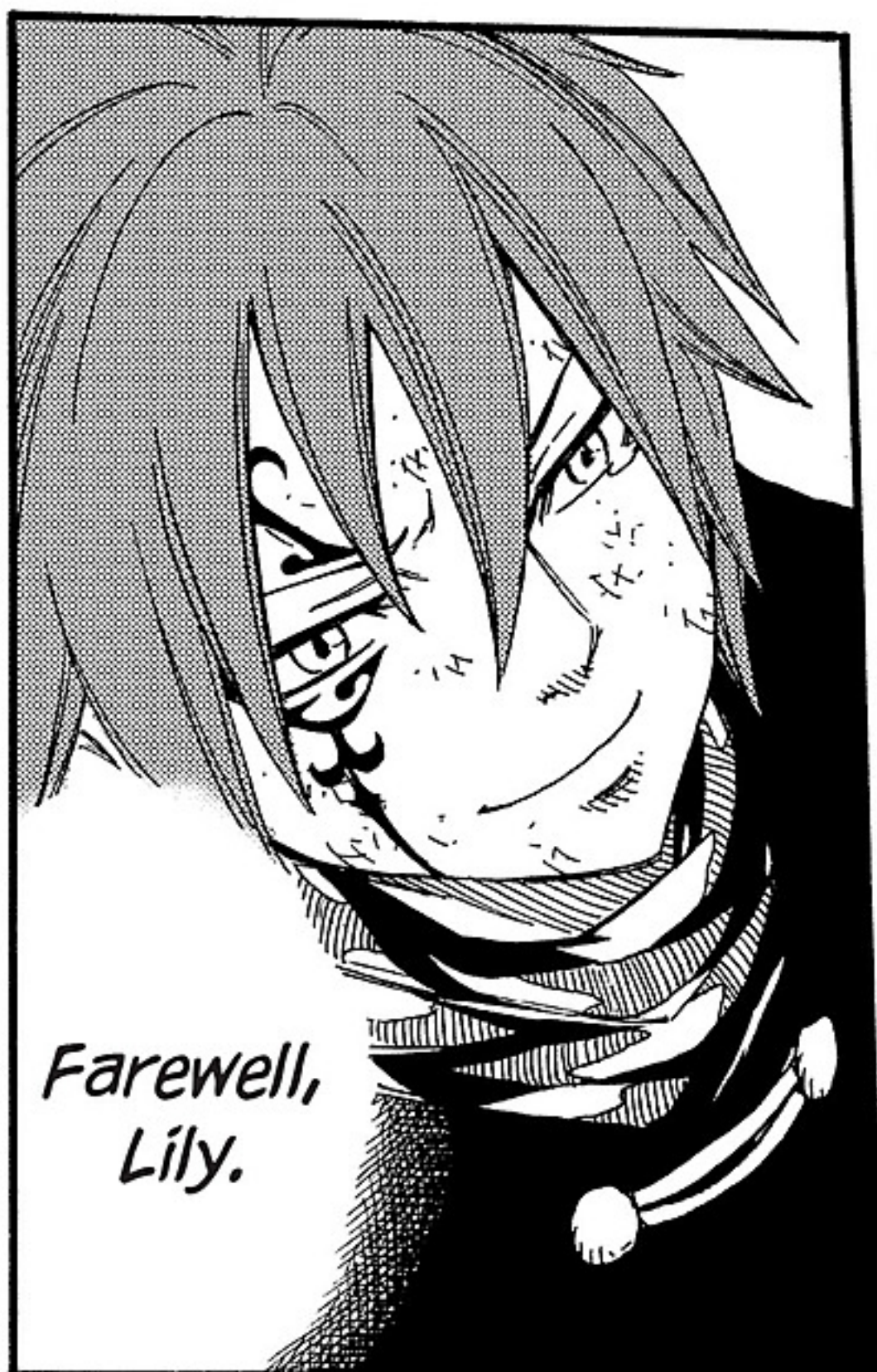
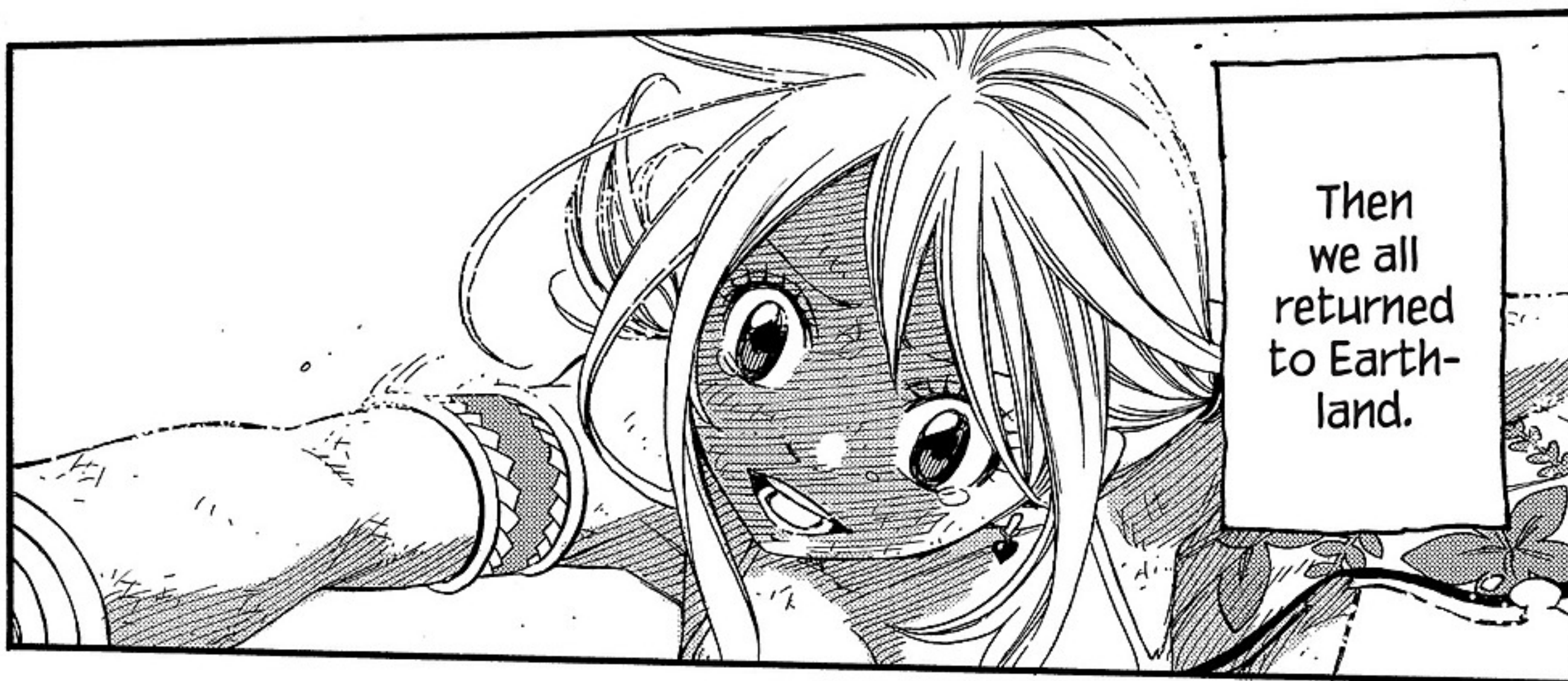




...Erza.



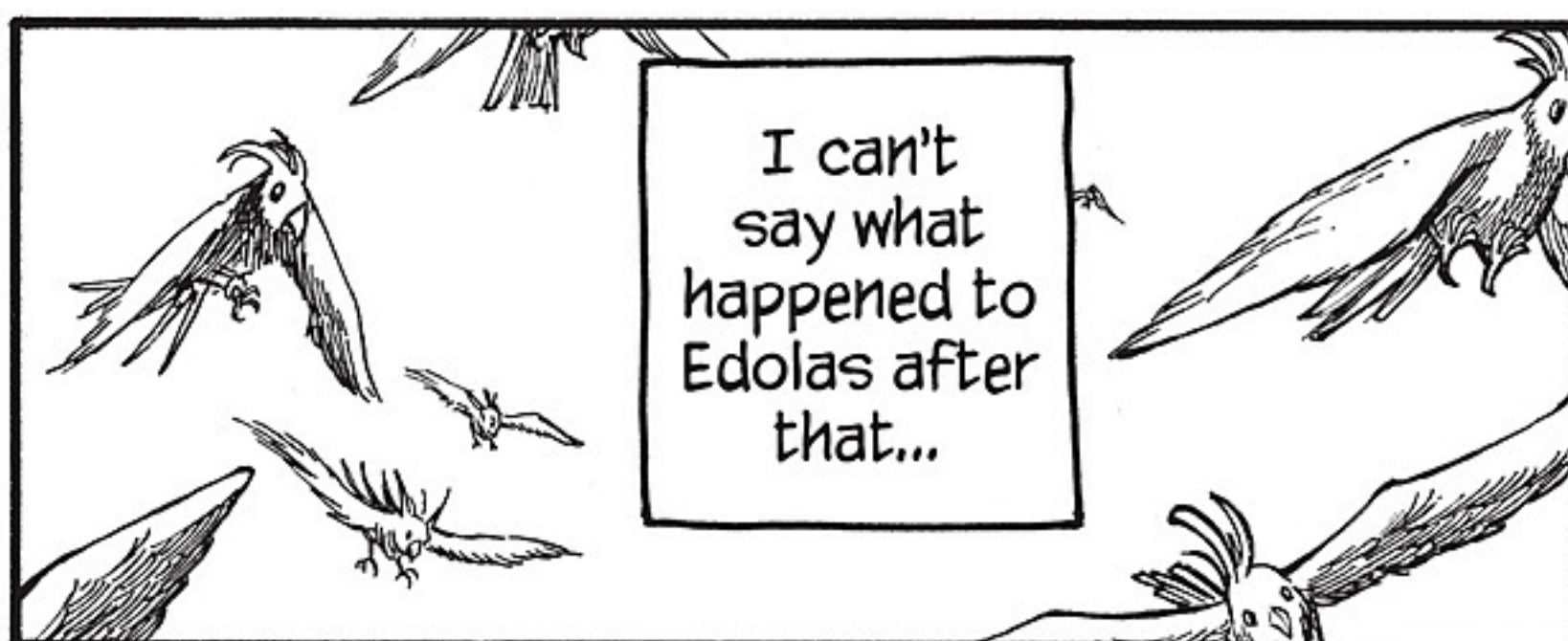




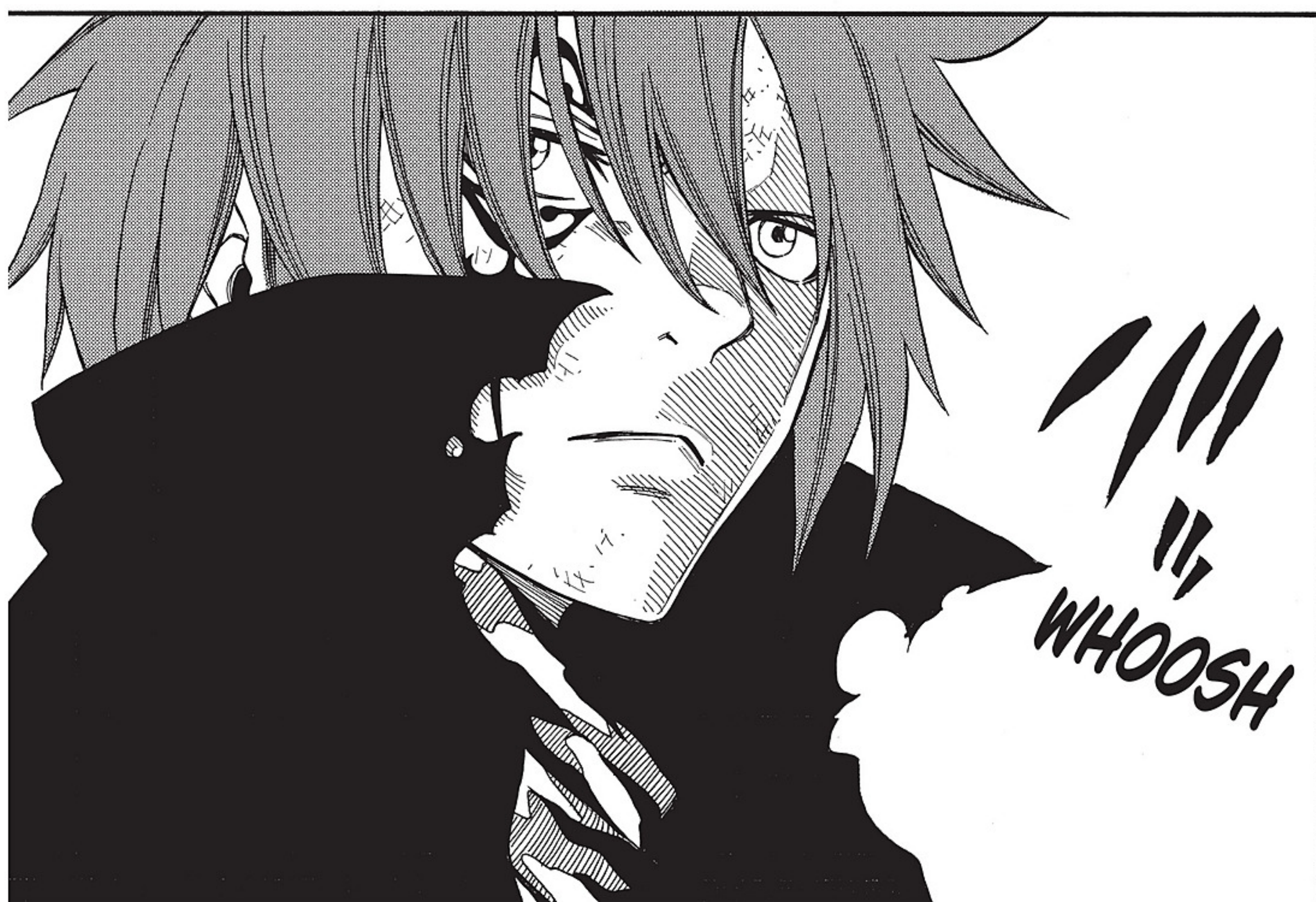


Farewell
to Fairy
Tail, my
family.

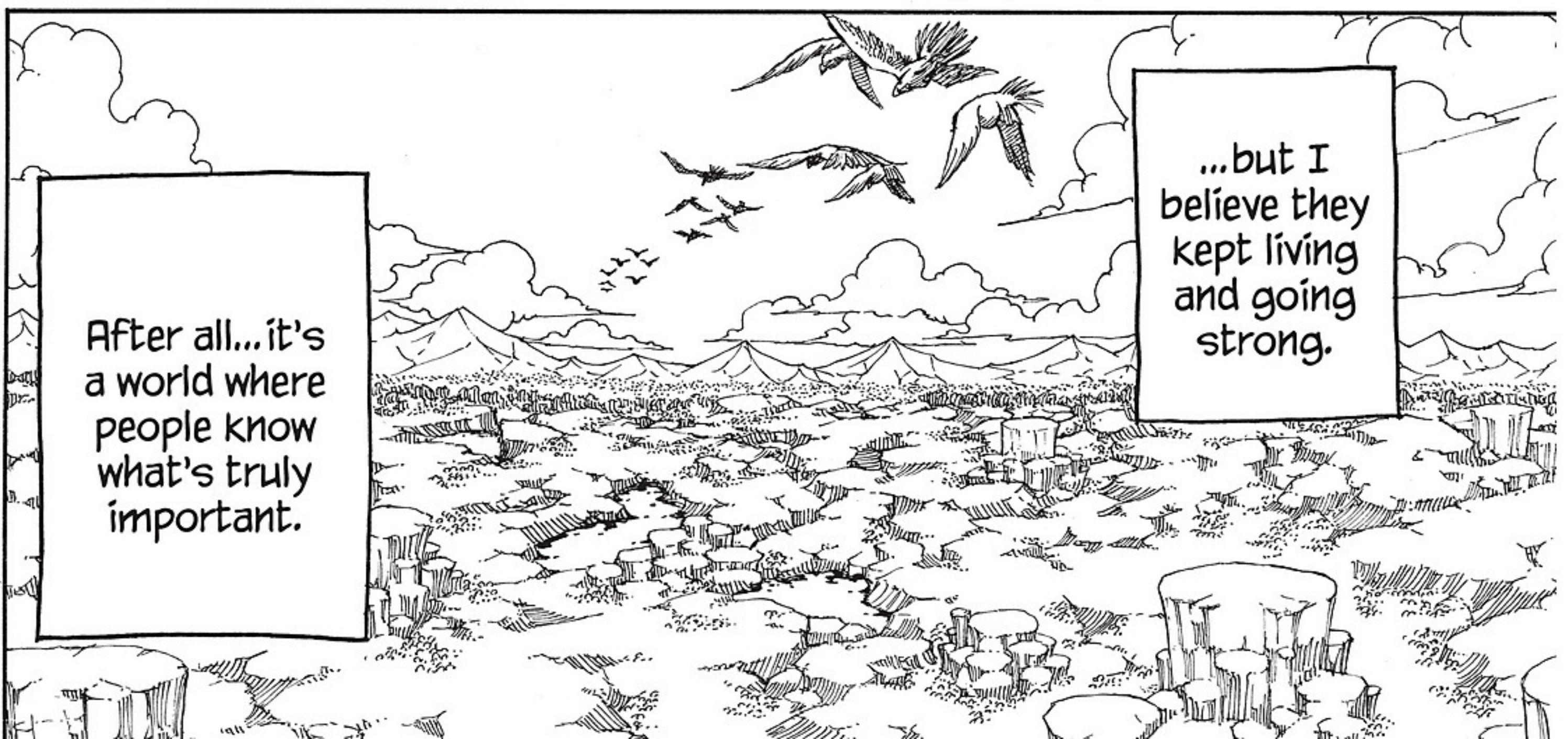
And
Natsu...
Gajeel...
Wendy...



I can't
say what
happened to
Edolas after
that...



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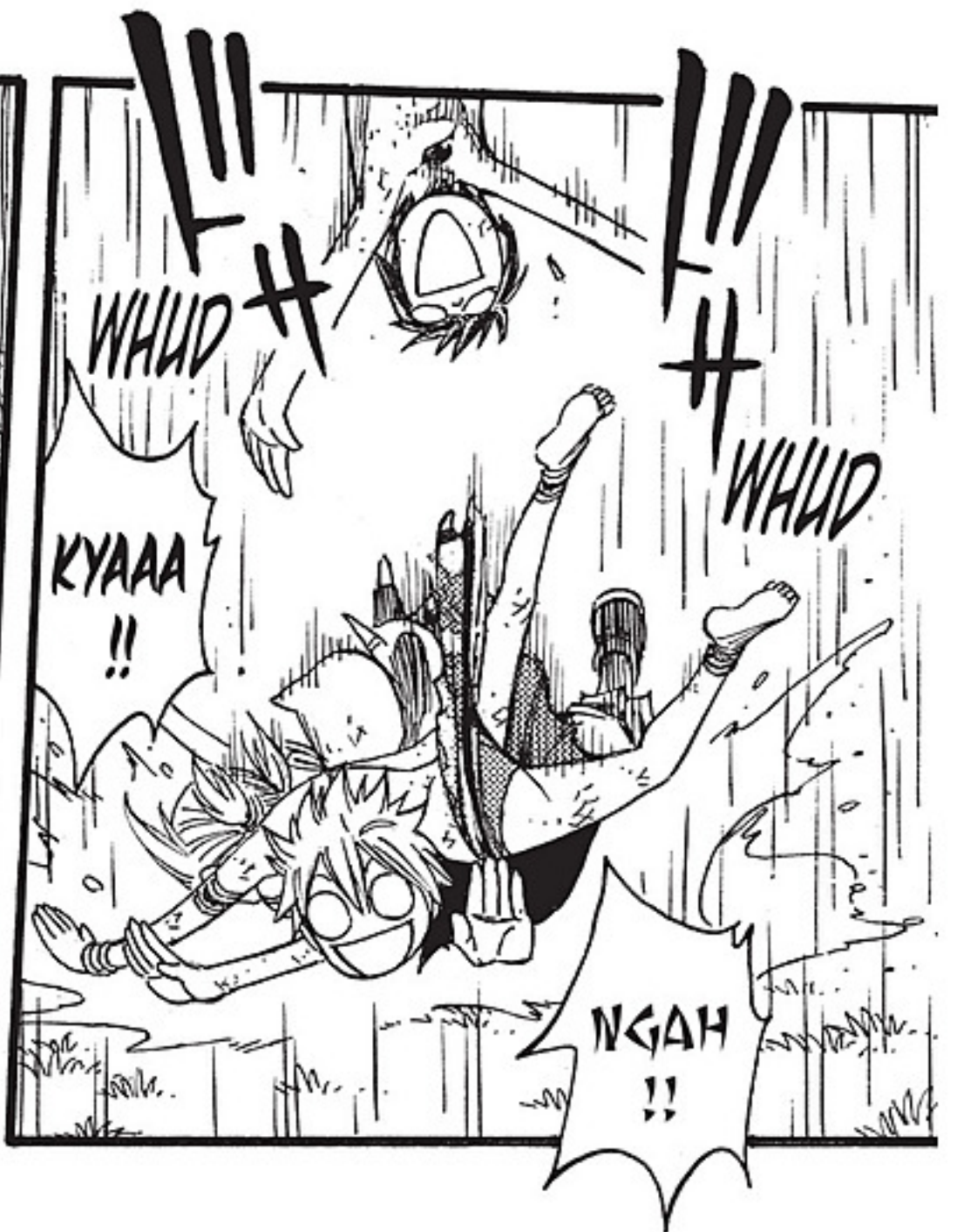
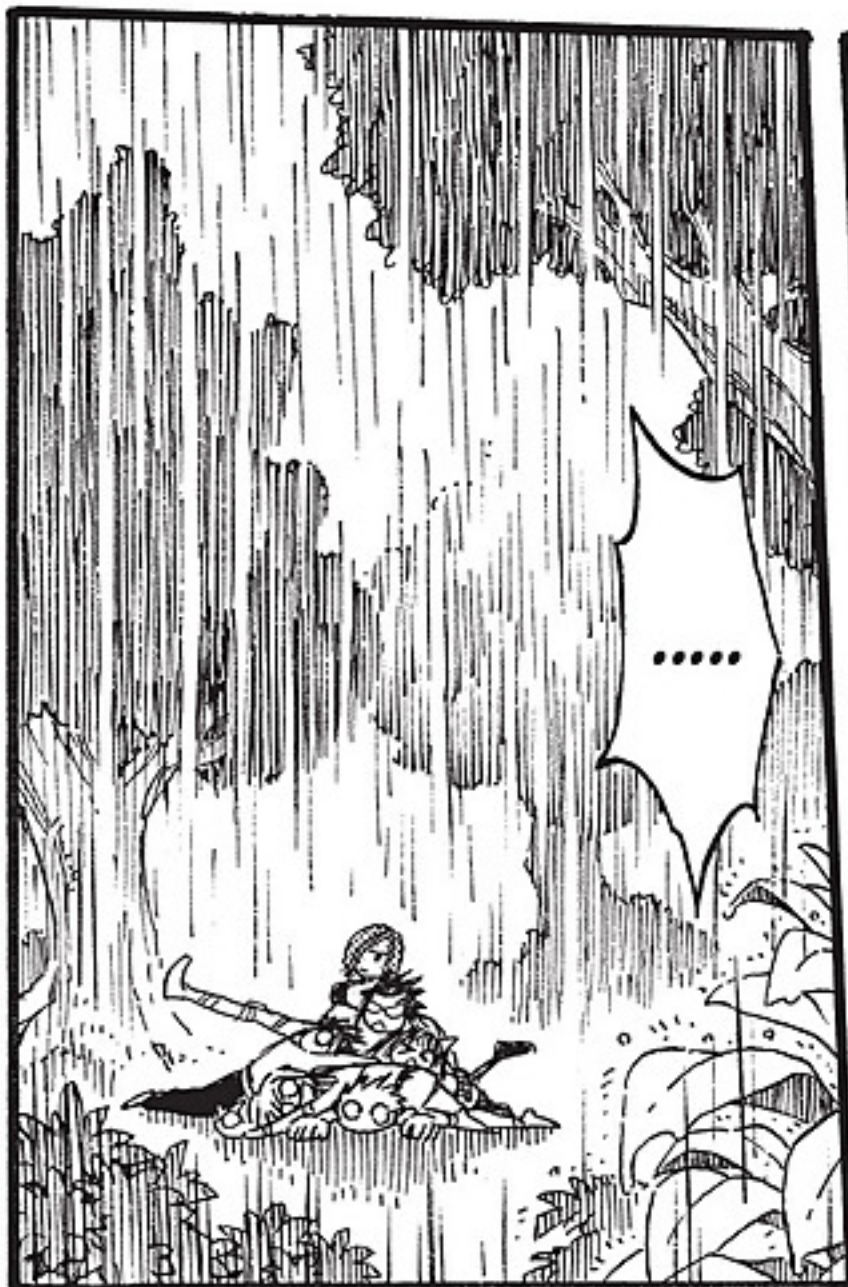
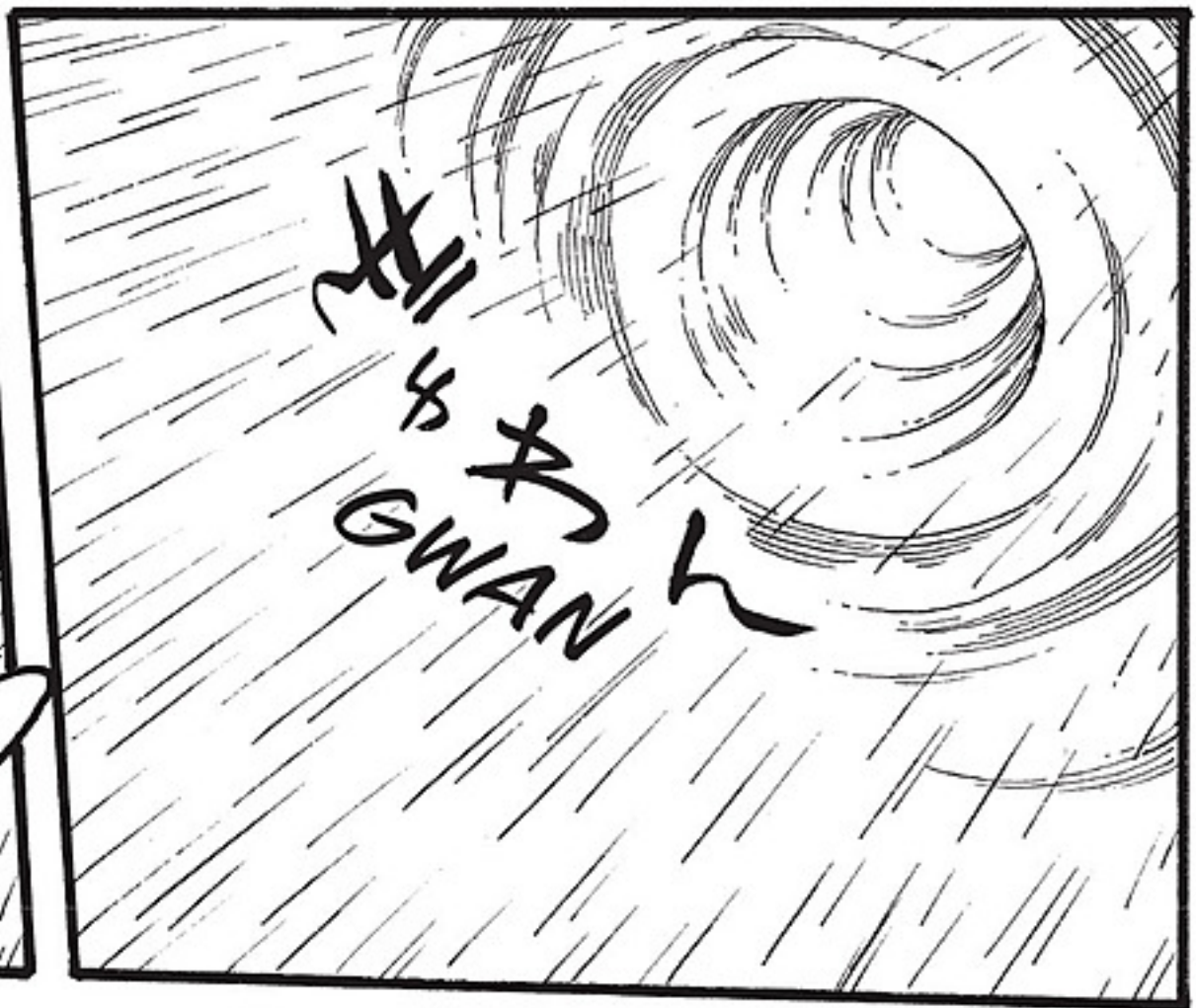
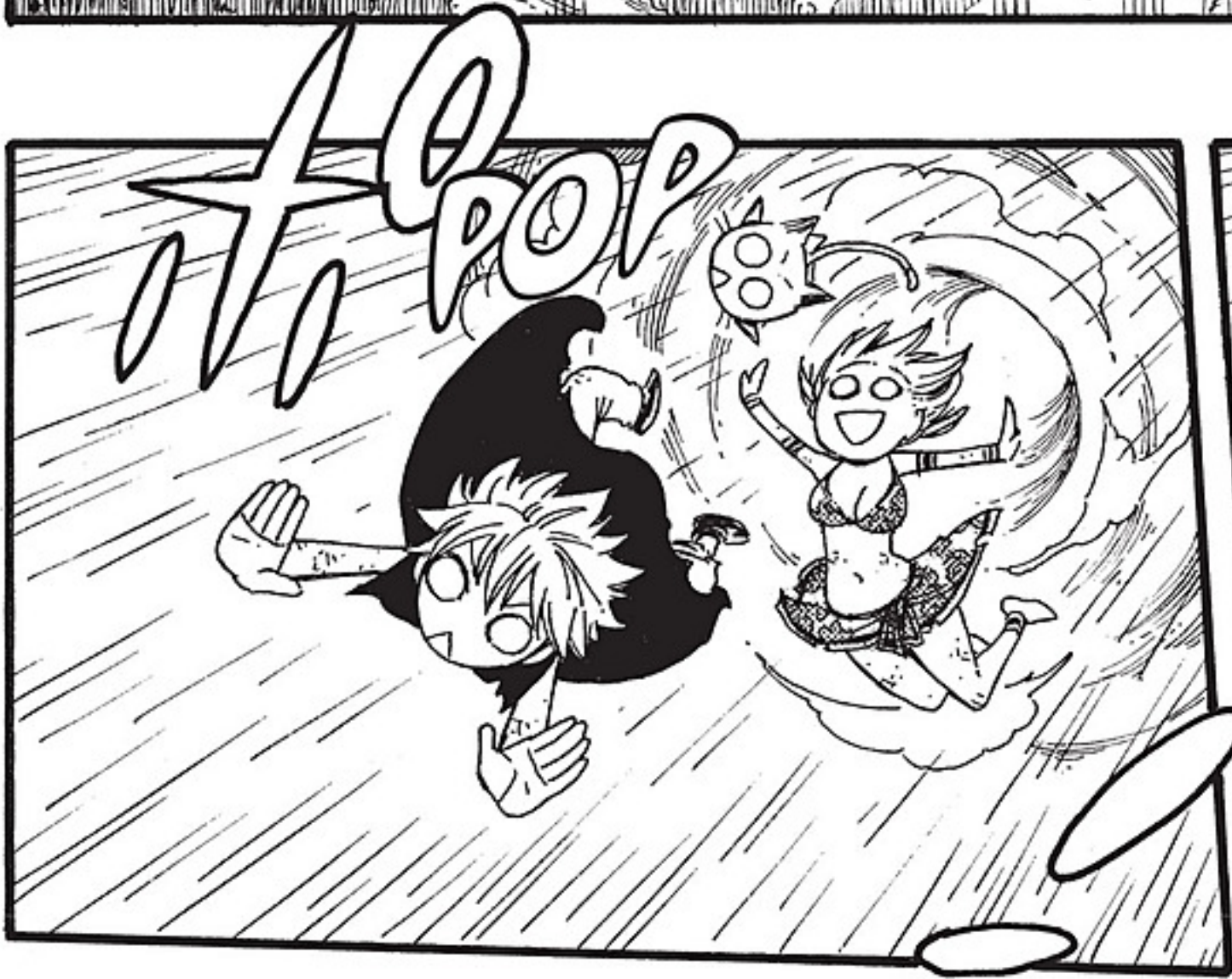


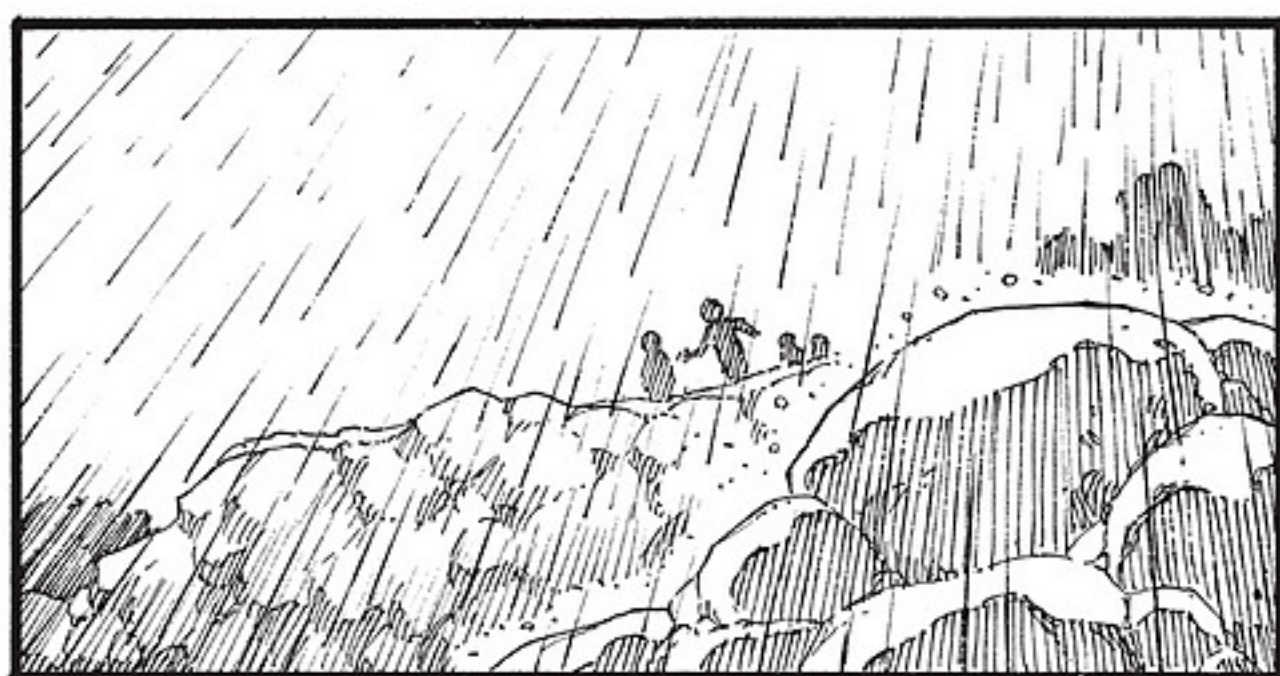
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Chapter 198: The Wings to Tomorrow

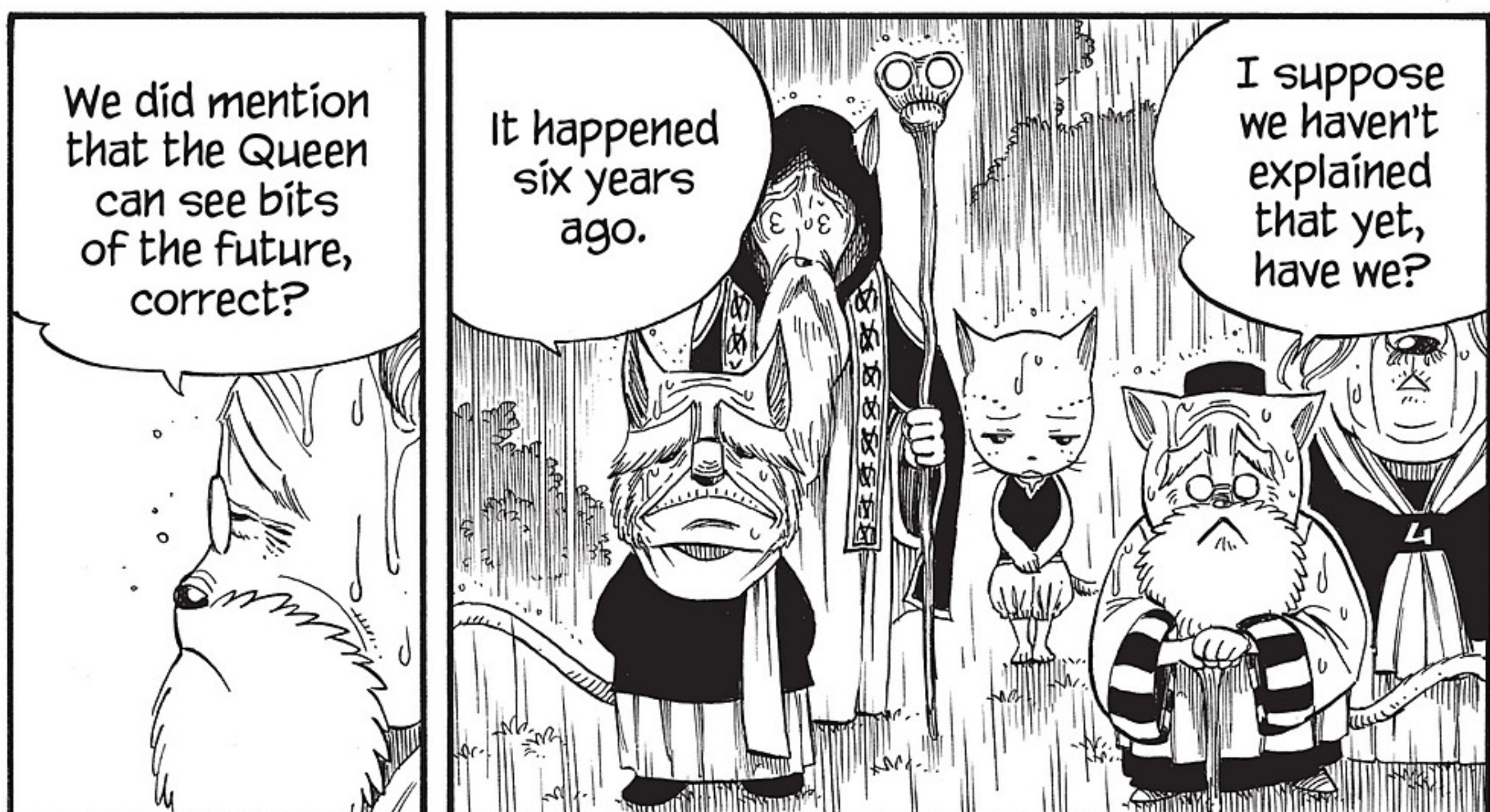
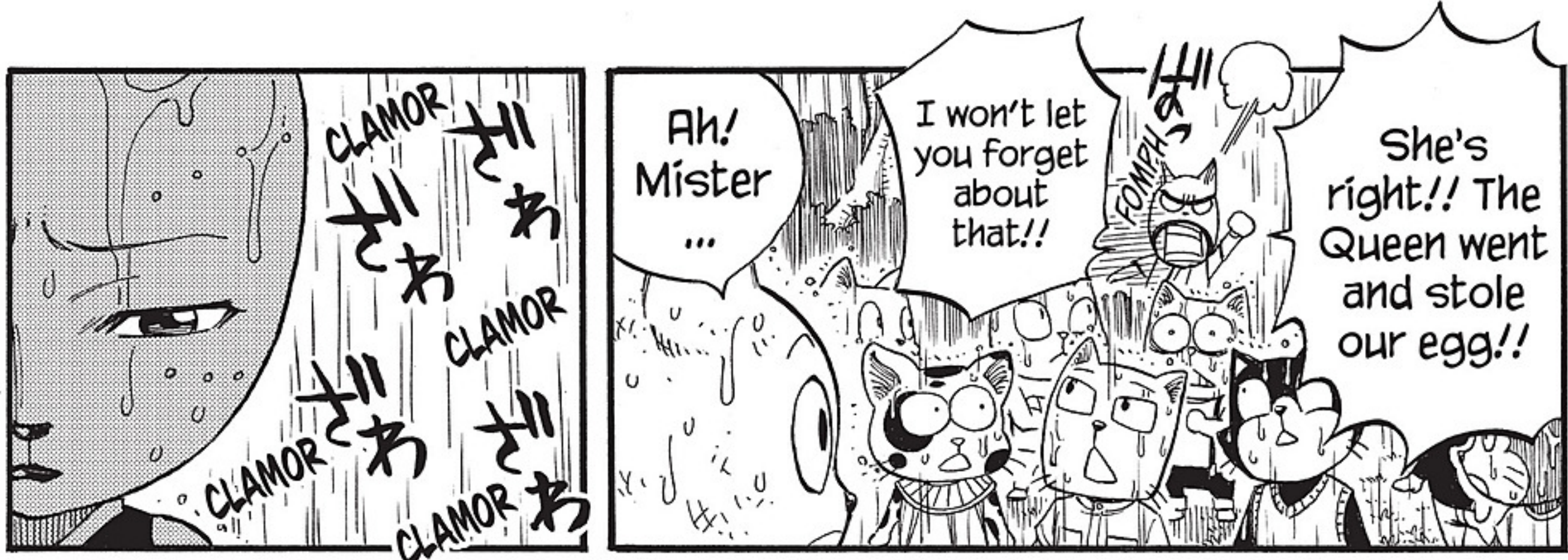












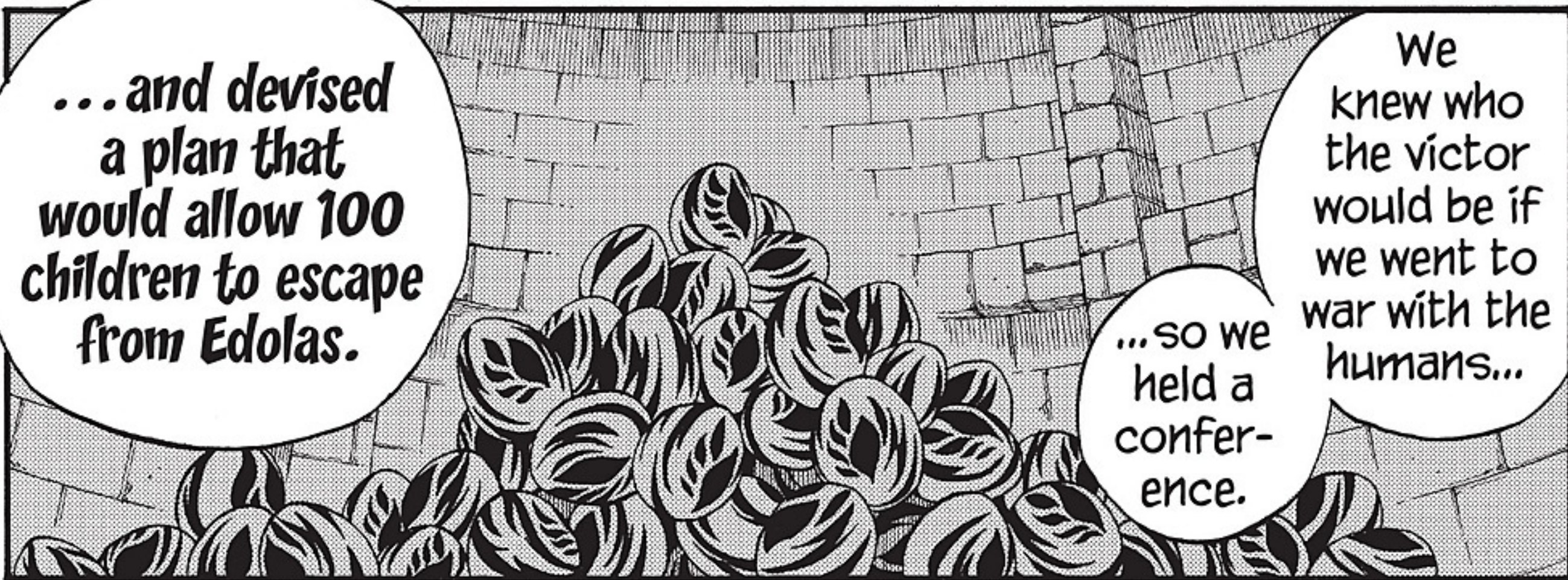
...but at the time, we were convinced that the humans were the cause.

In hindsight, it was caused naturally by the extraction of all the magic from Edolas...



One day, Chagot foresaw that Extalia would crash to the ground.

...and devised a plan that would allow 100 children to escape from Edolas.

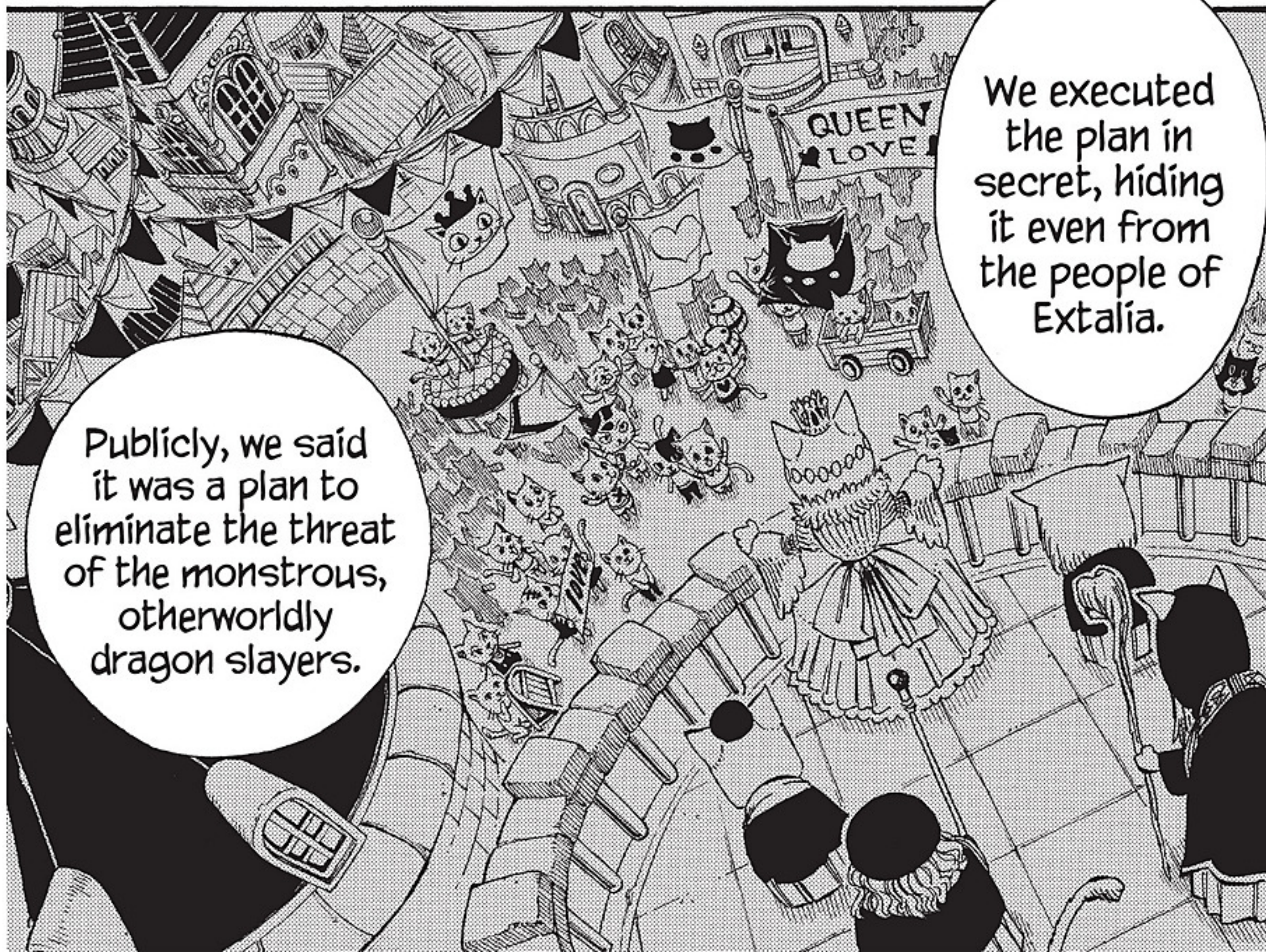


...so we held a conference.

We knew who the victor would be if we went to war with the humans...

We executed the plan in secret, hiding it even from the people of Extalia.

Publicly, we said it was a plan to eliminate the threat of the monstrous, otherworldly dragon slayers.



Did you say *escape* ?!!





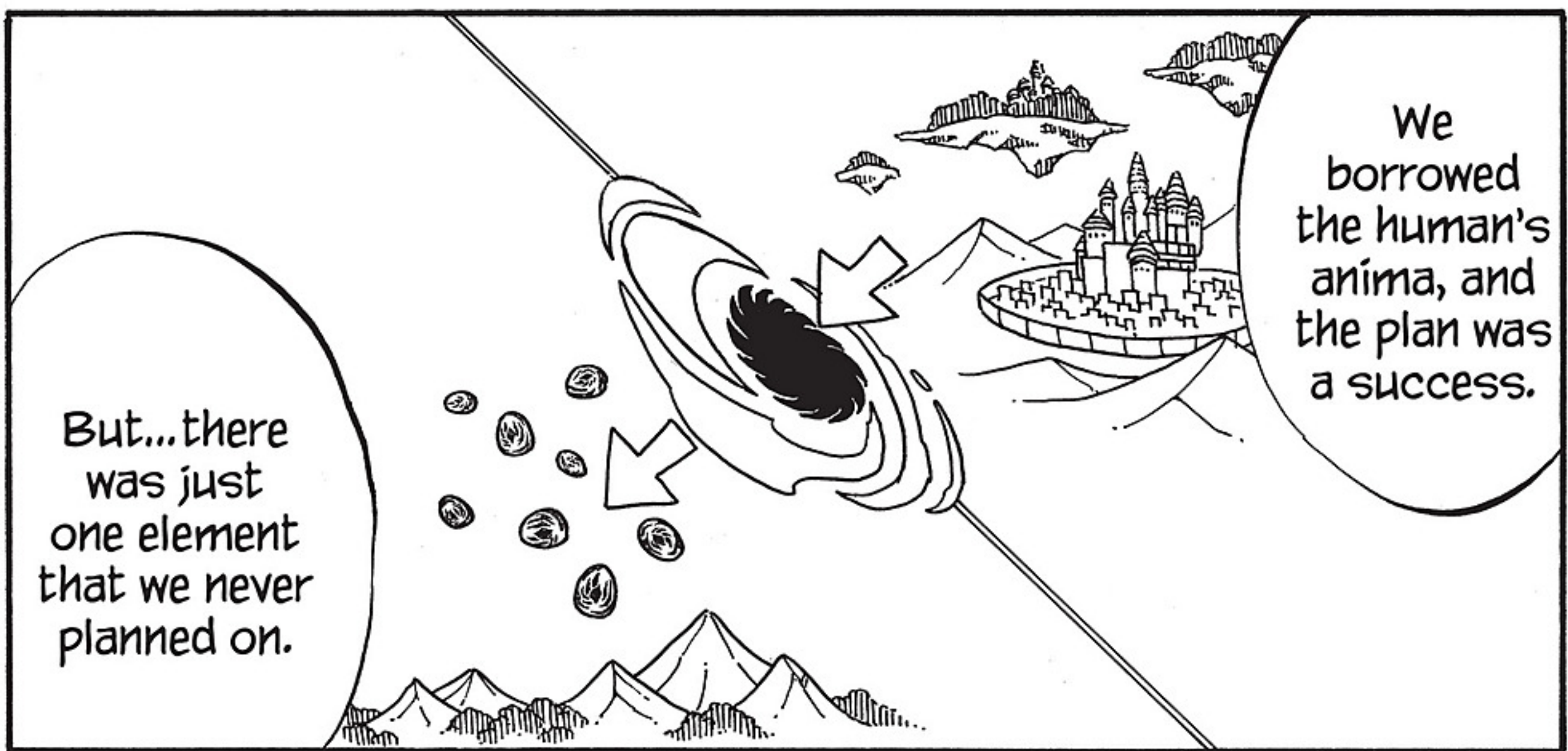
And if the
real reason
got out,
it would
probably have
caused a
panic.



I see. You're
saying that
the excuse
was necessary,
right?

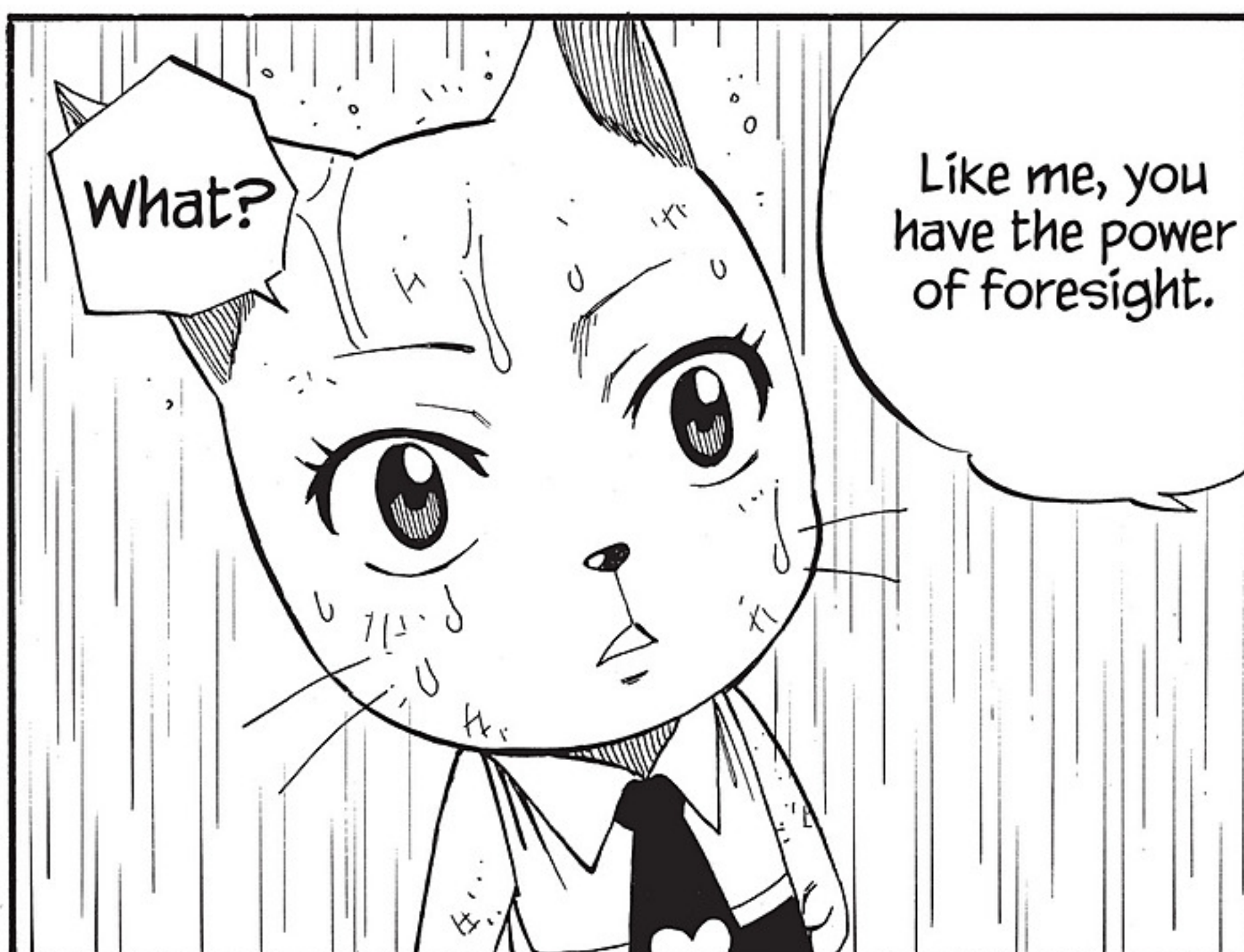


Of course we
had no quarrel
with the dragon
slayers.



But...there
was just
one element
that we never
planned on.

We
borrowed
the human's
anima, and
the plan was
a success.



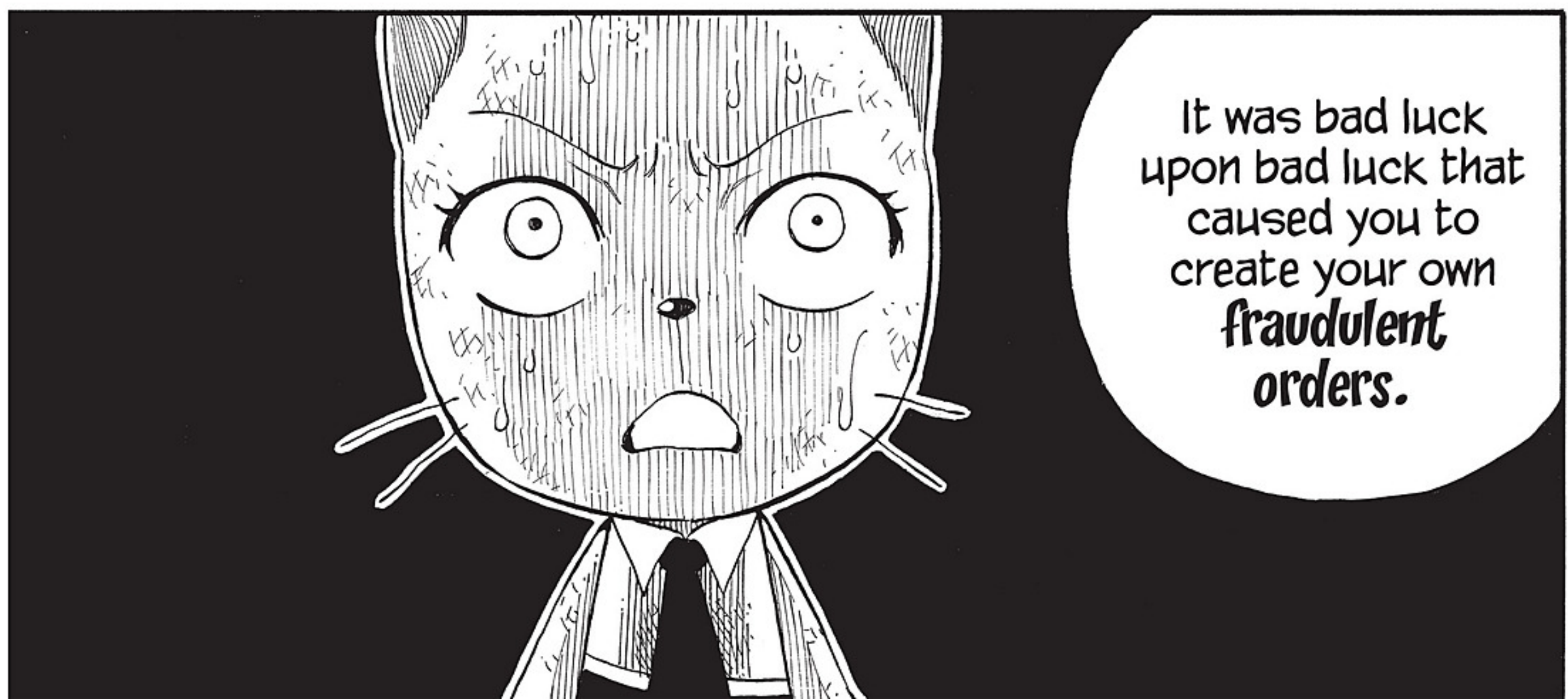
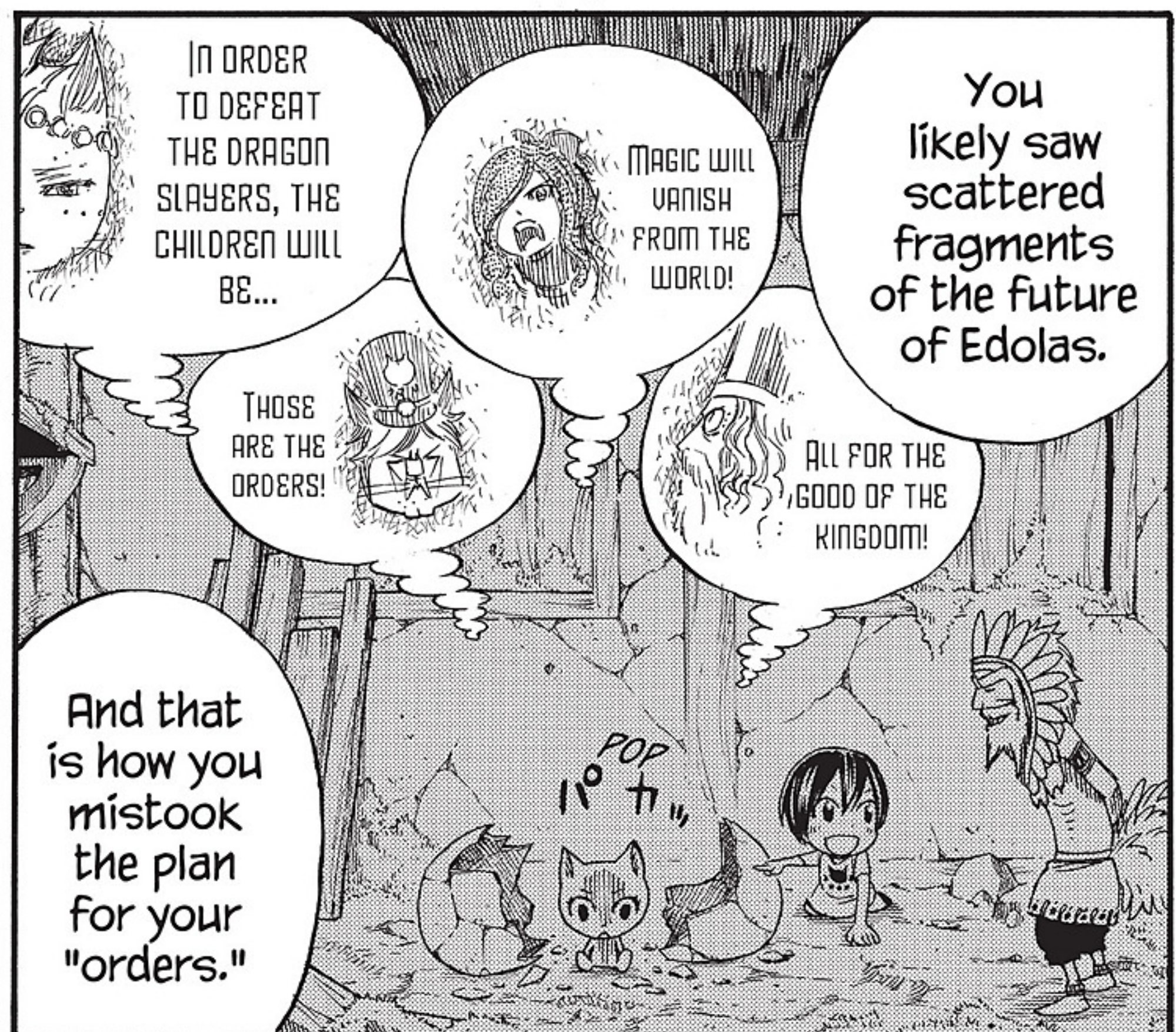
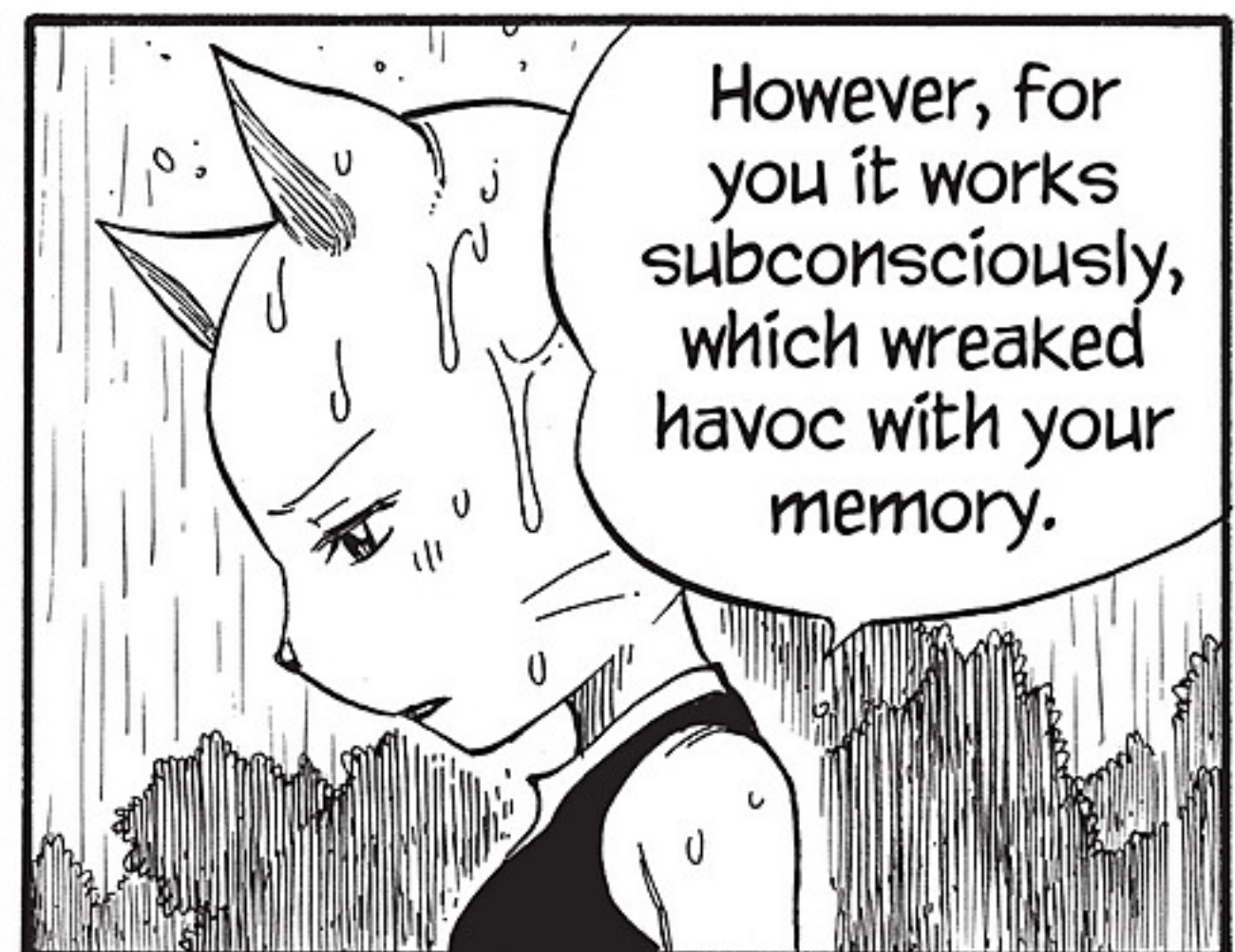
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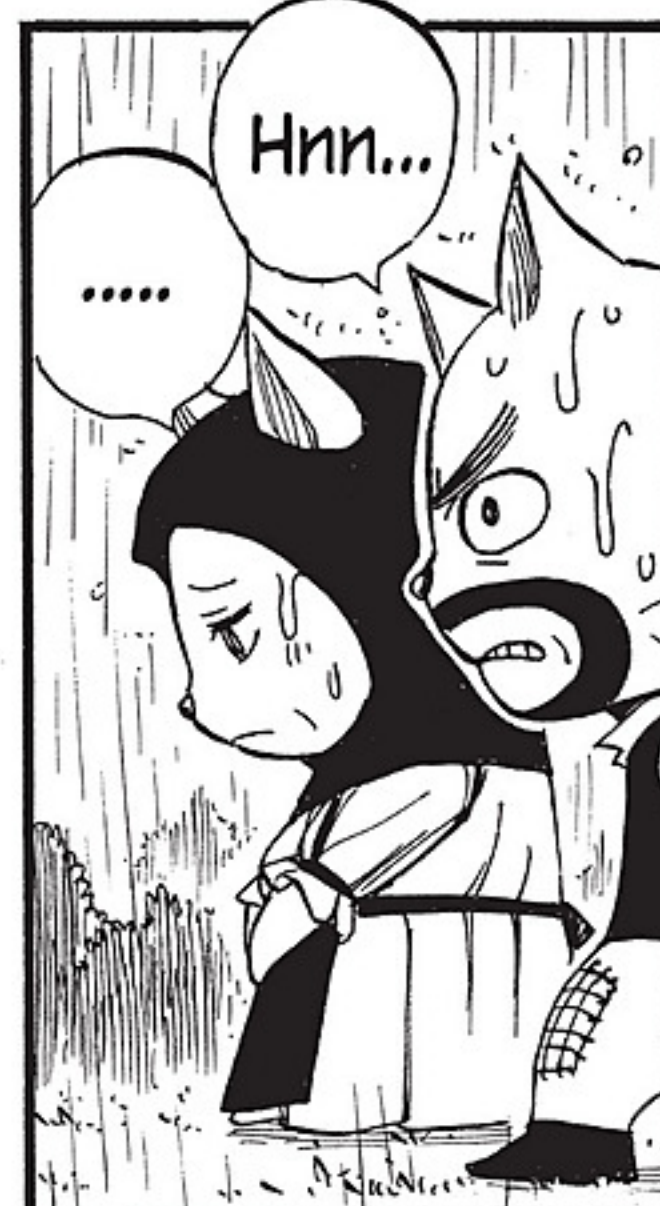
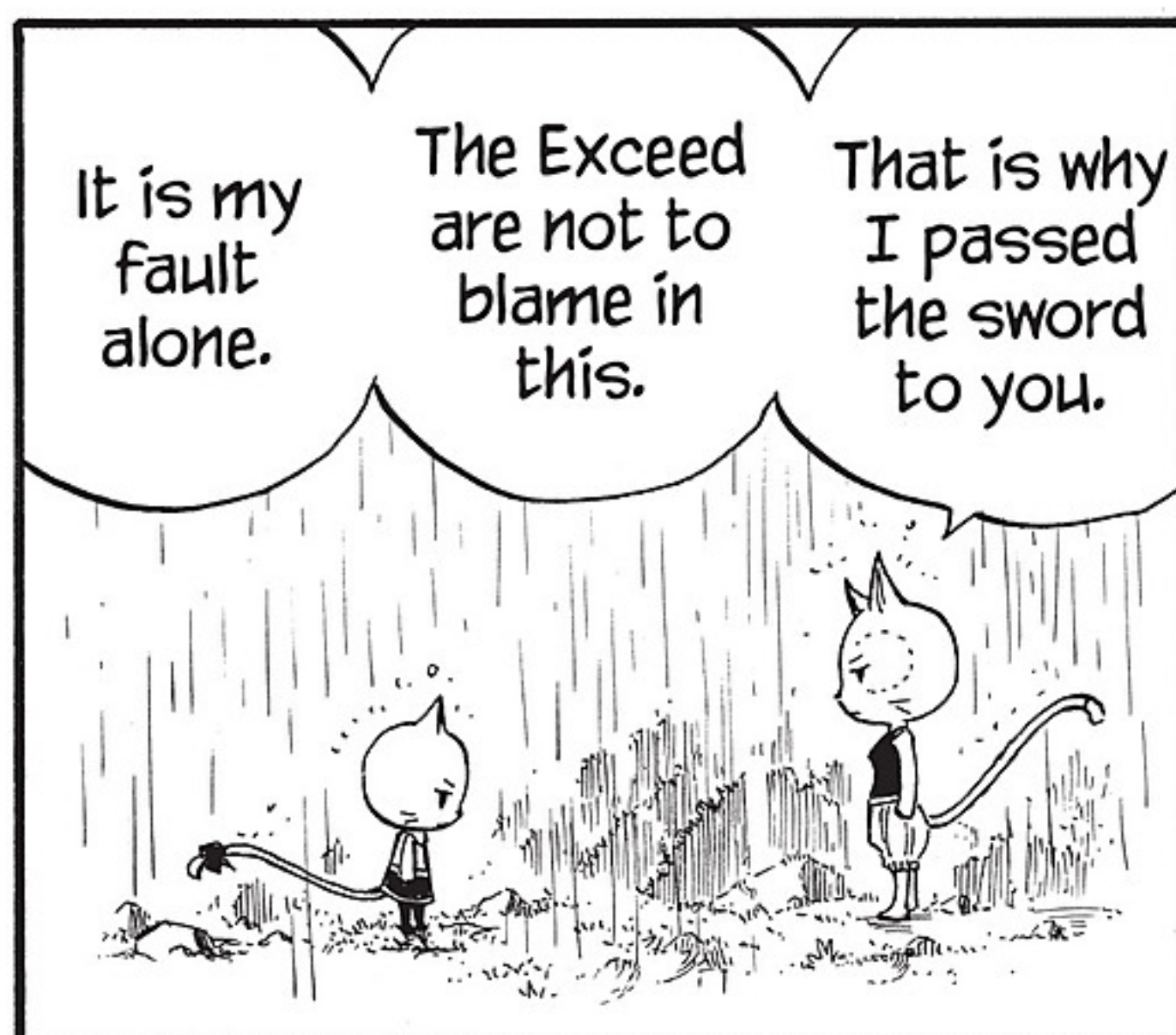
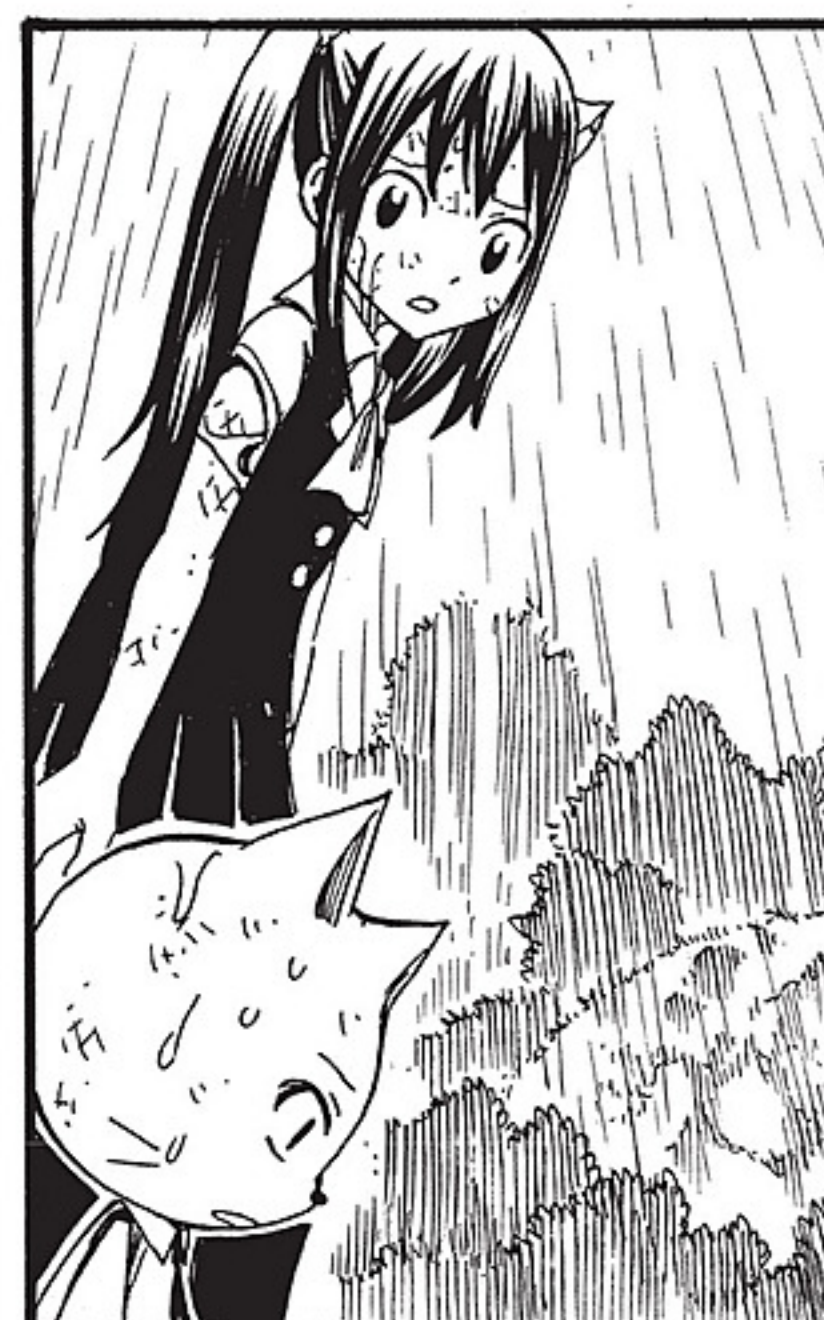
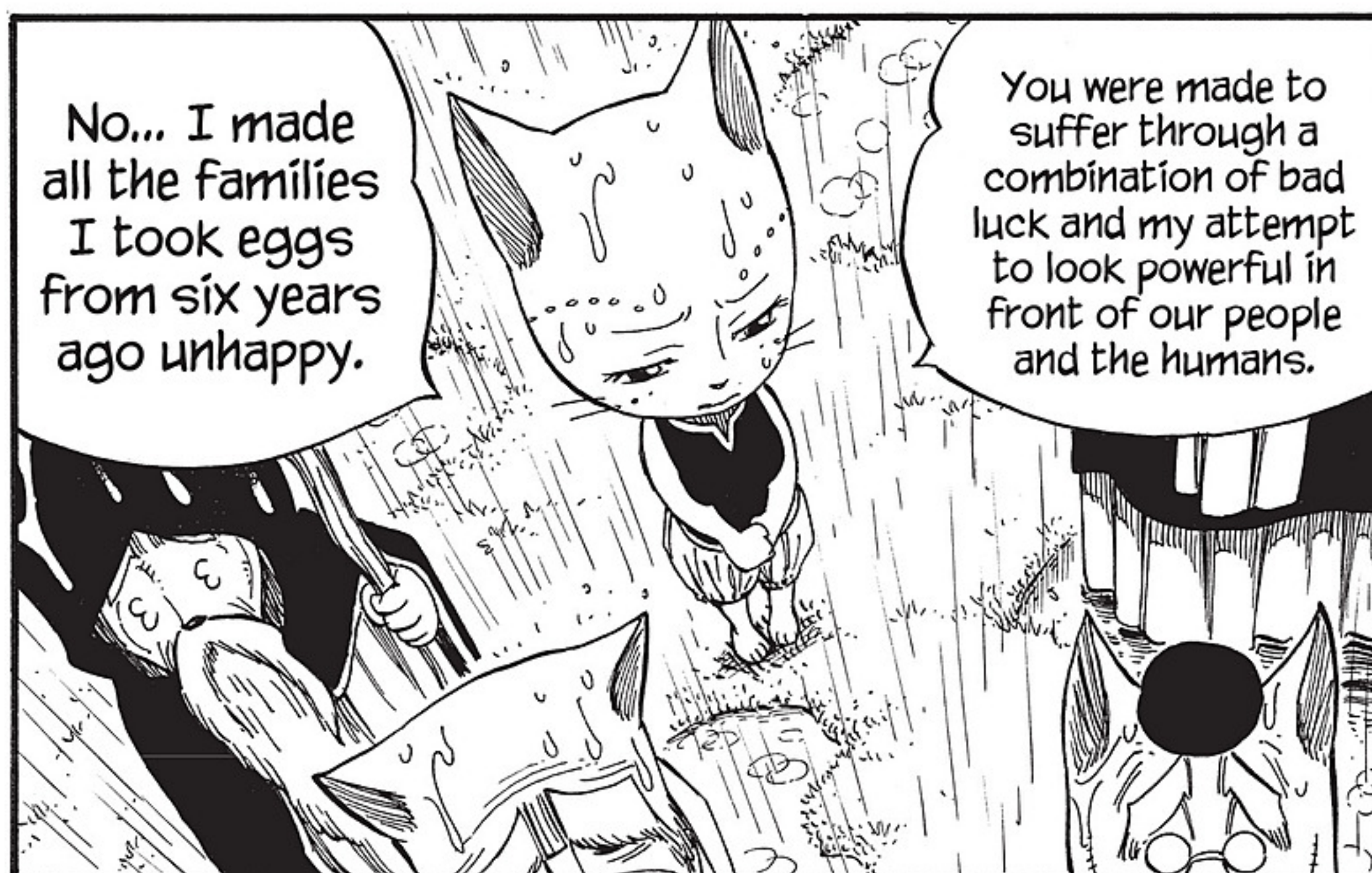
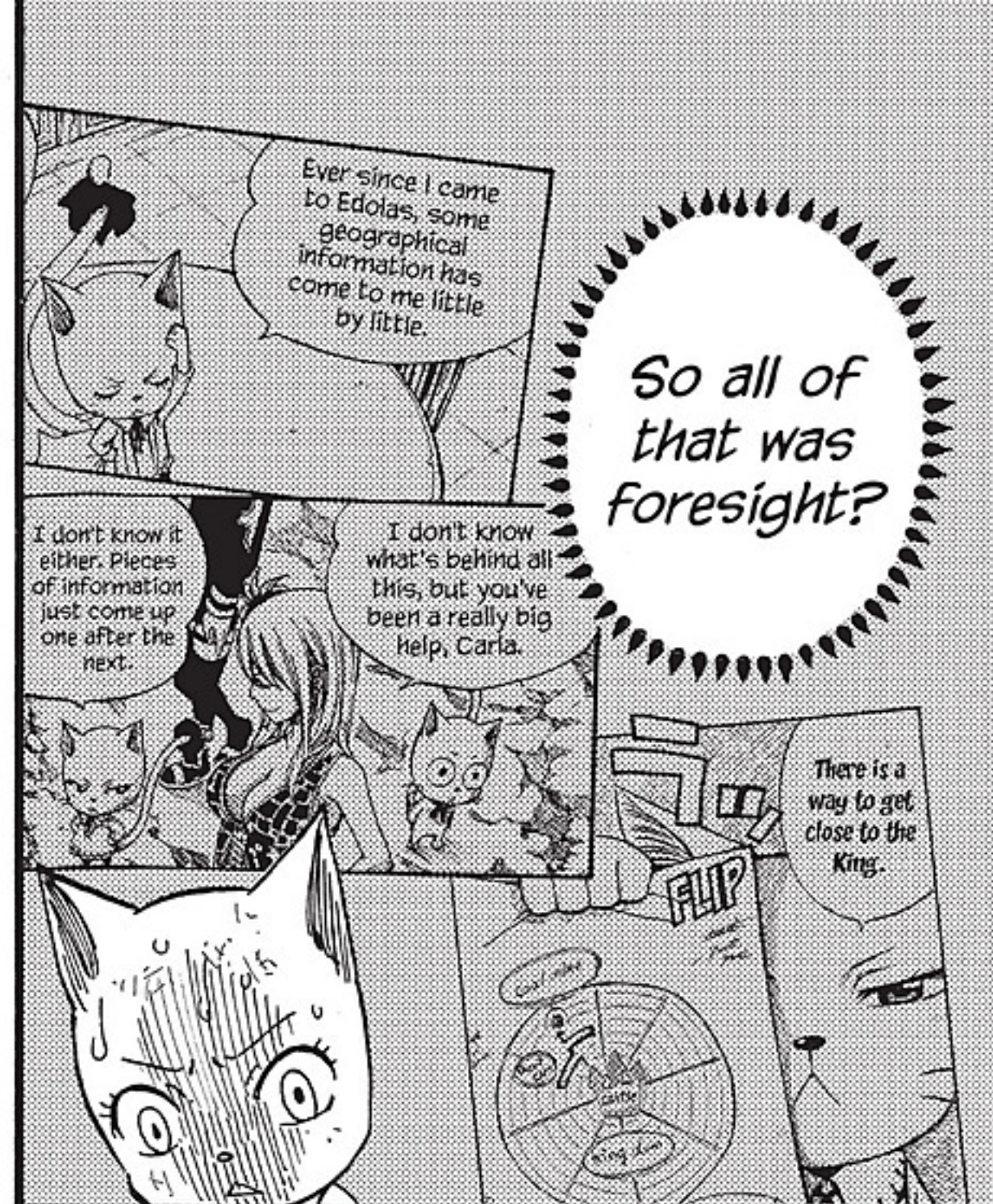
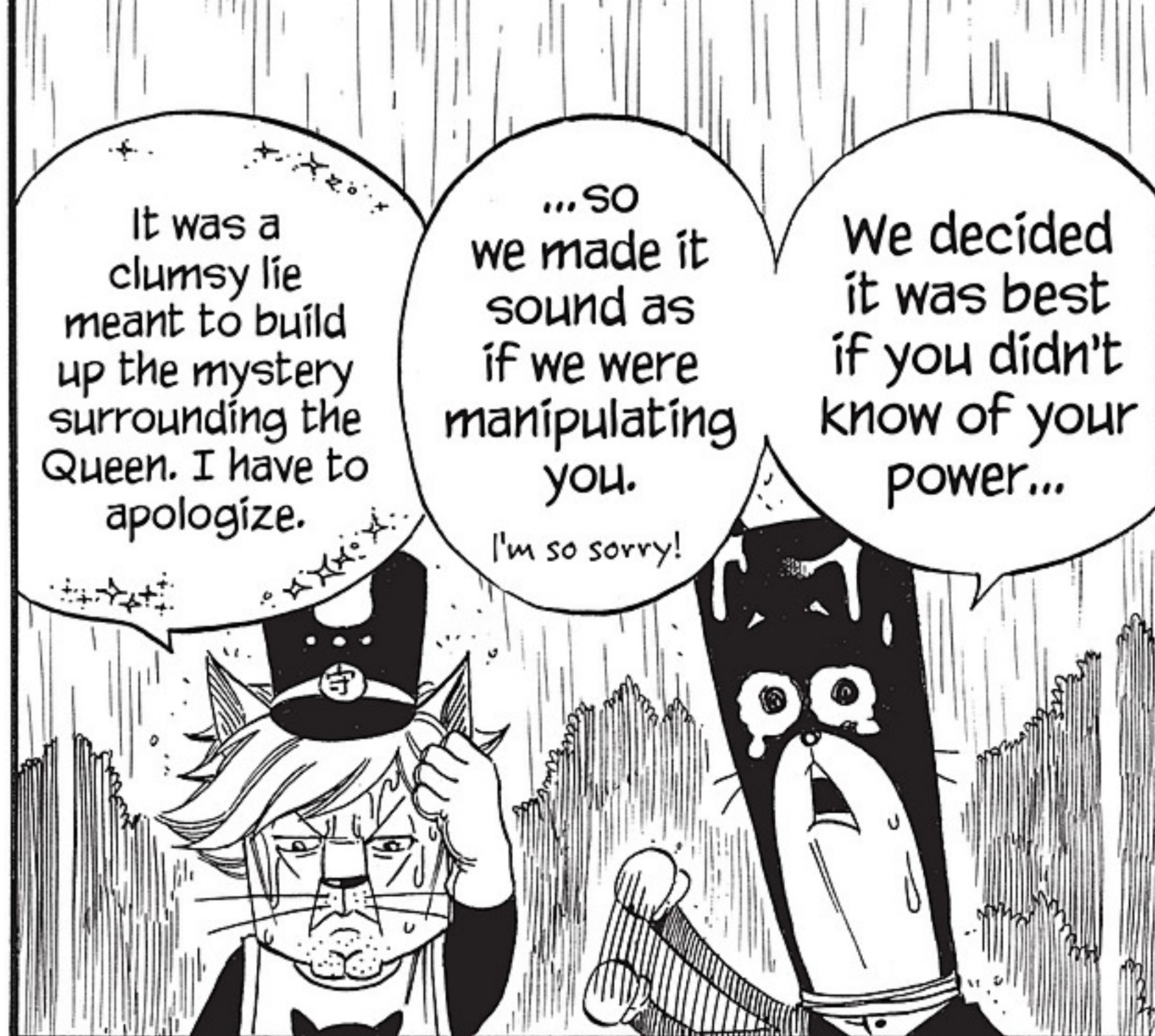
Like me, you
have the power
of foresight.

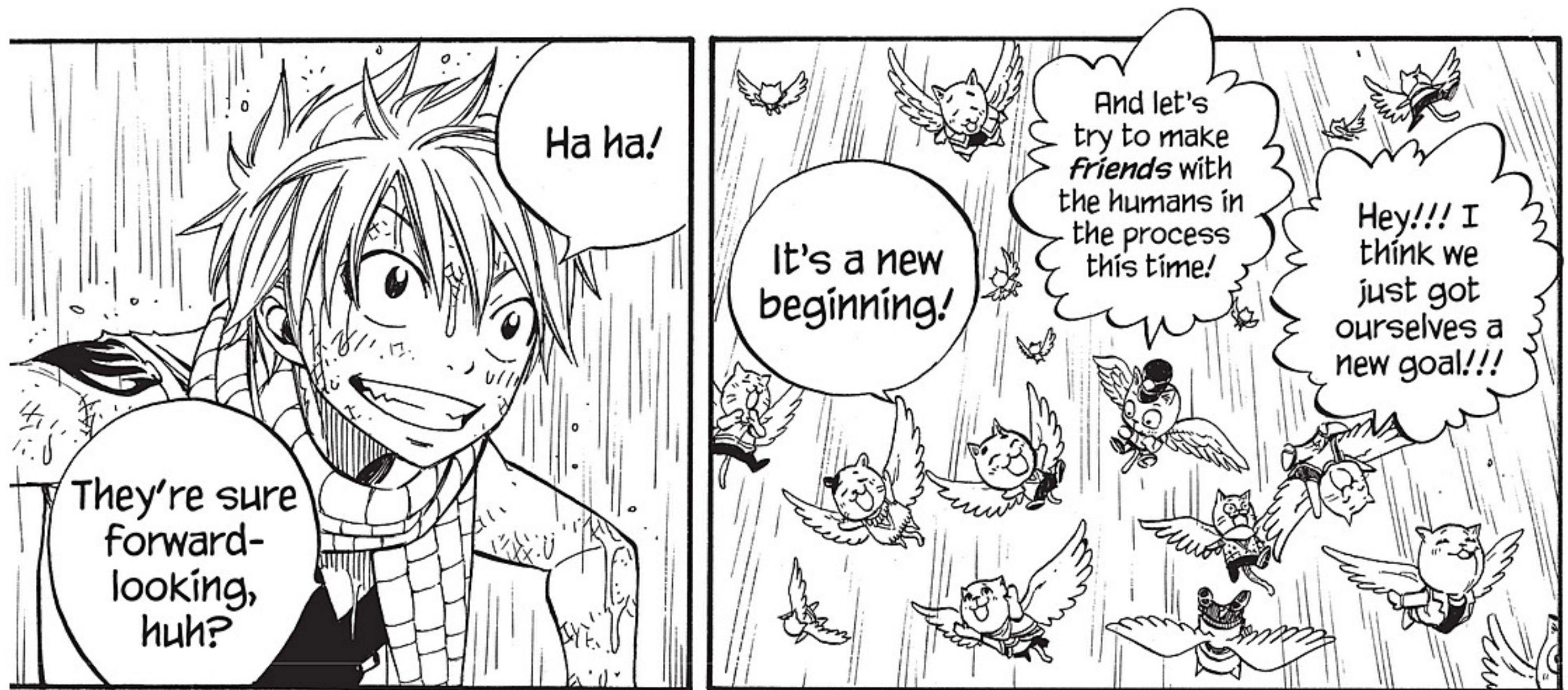


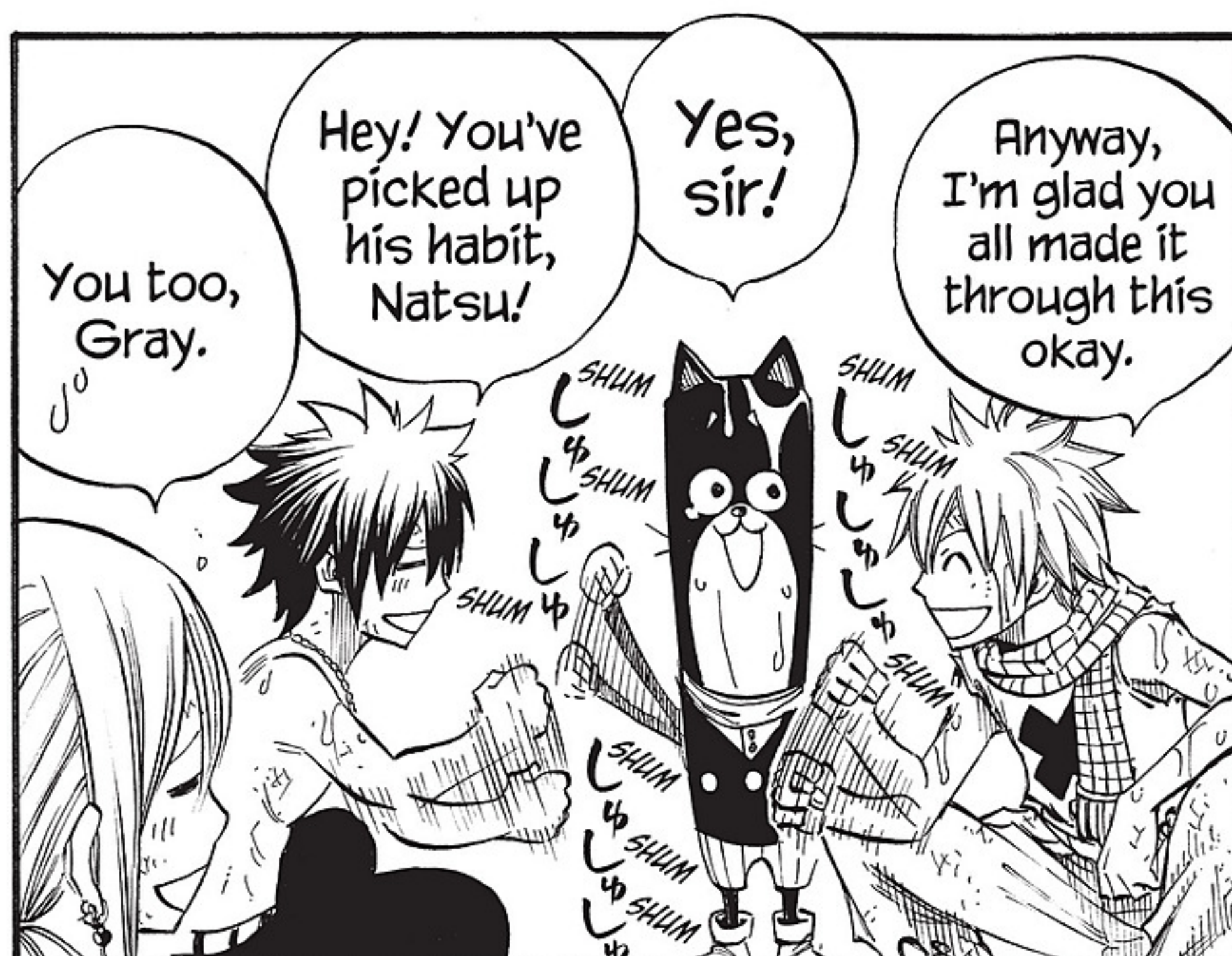
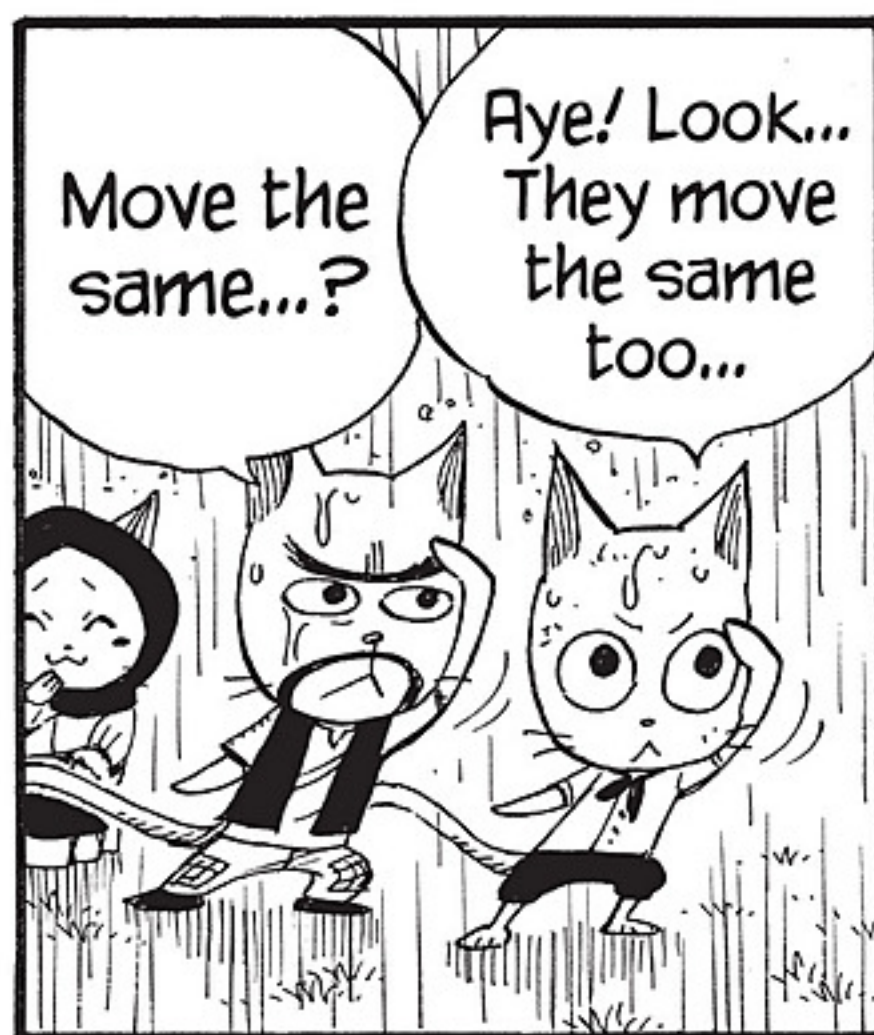
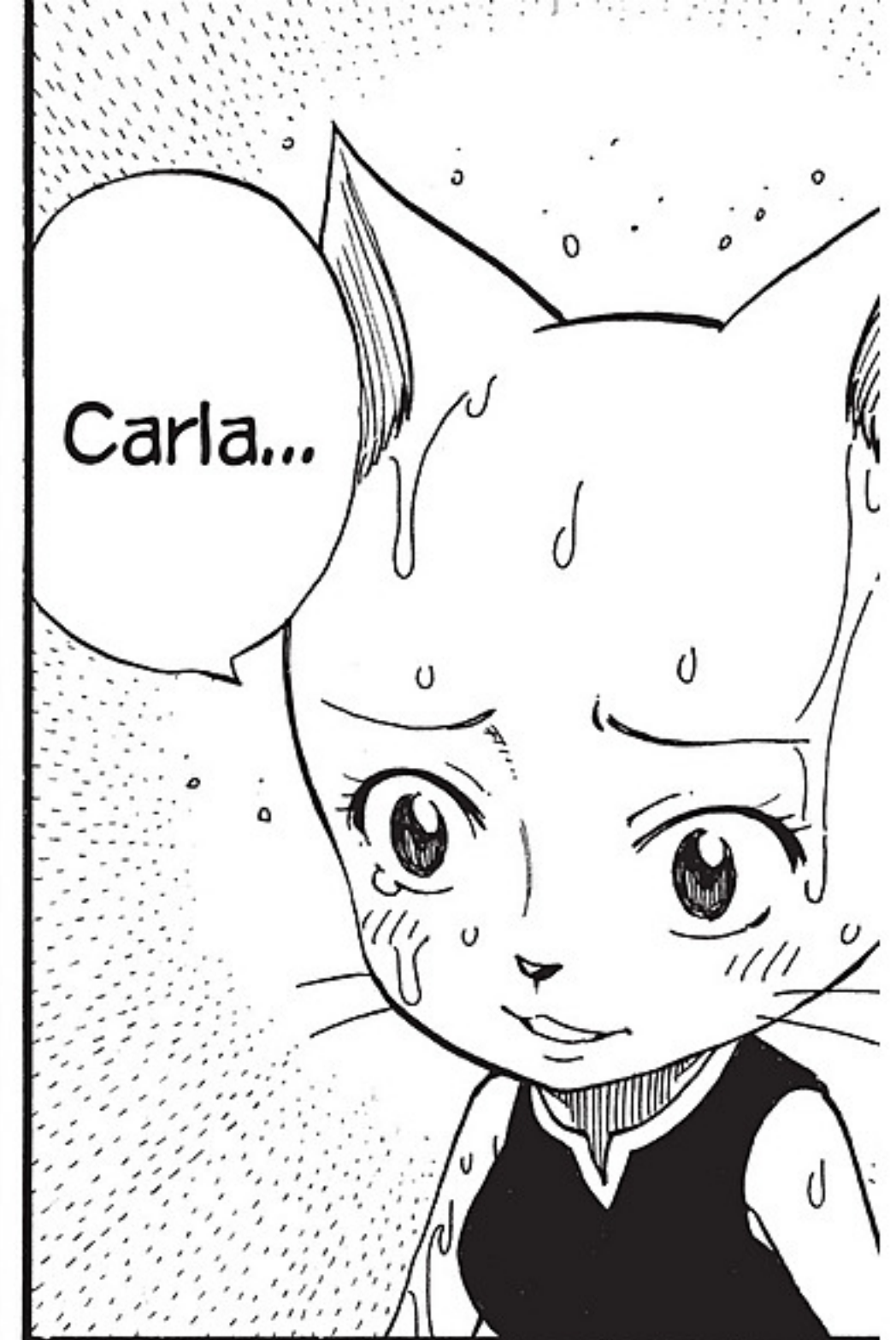
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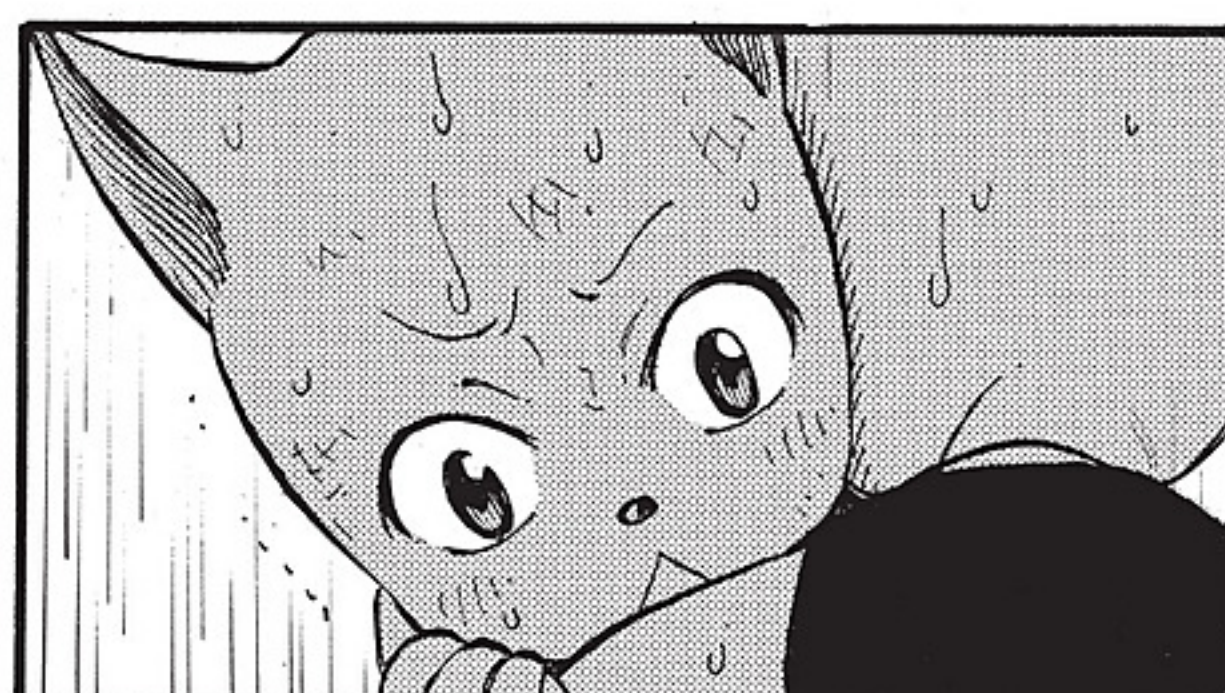
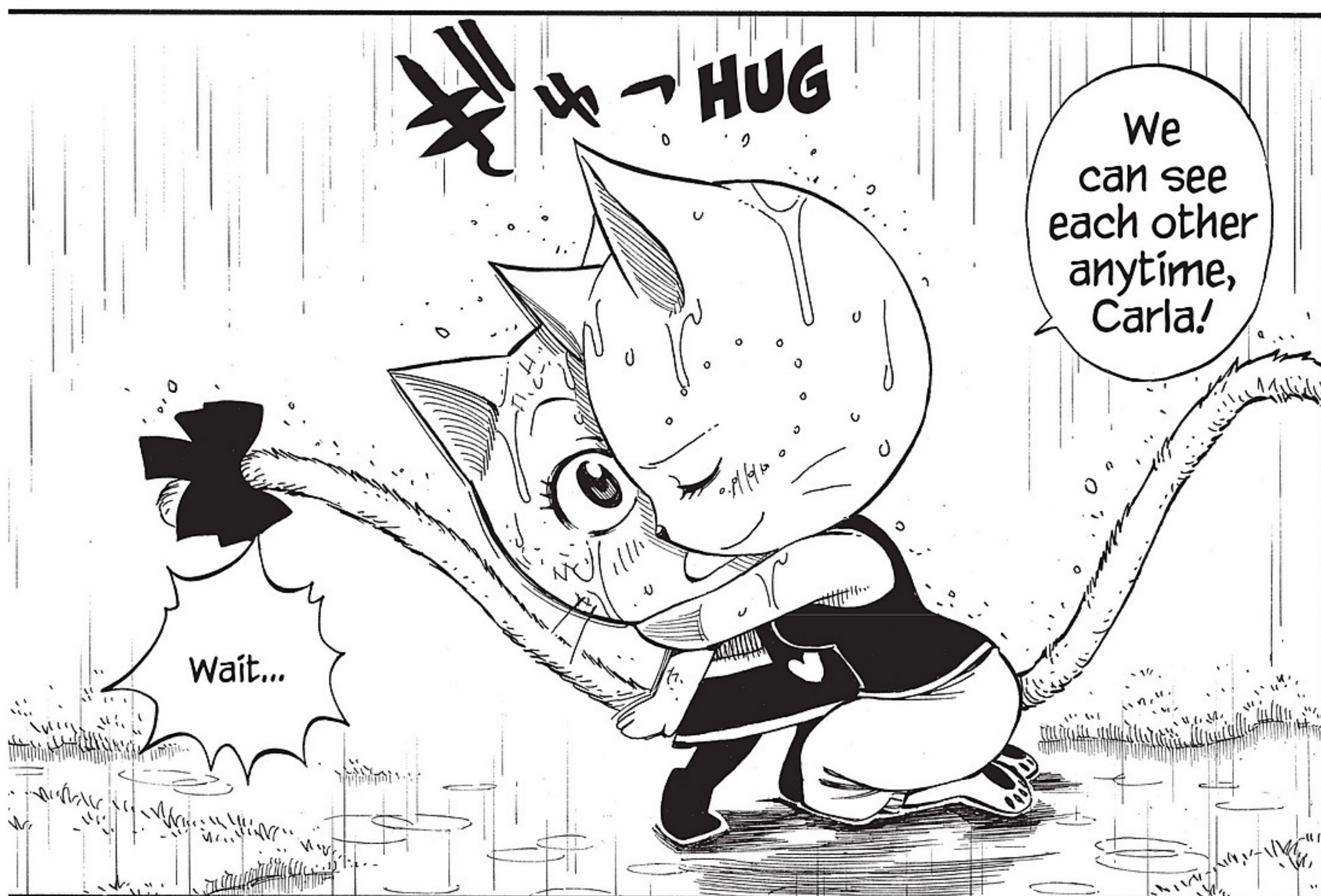
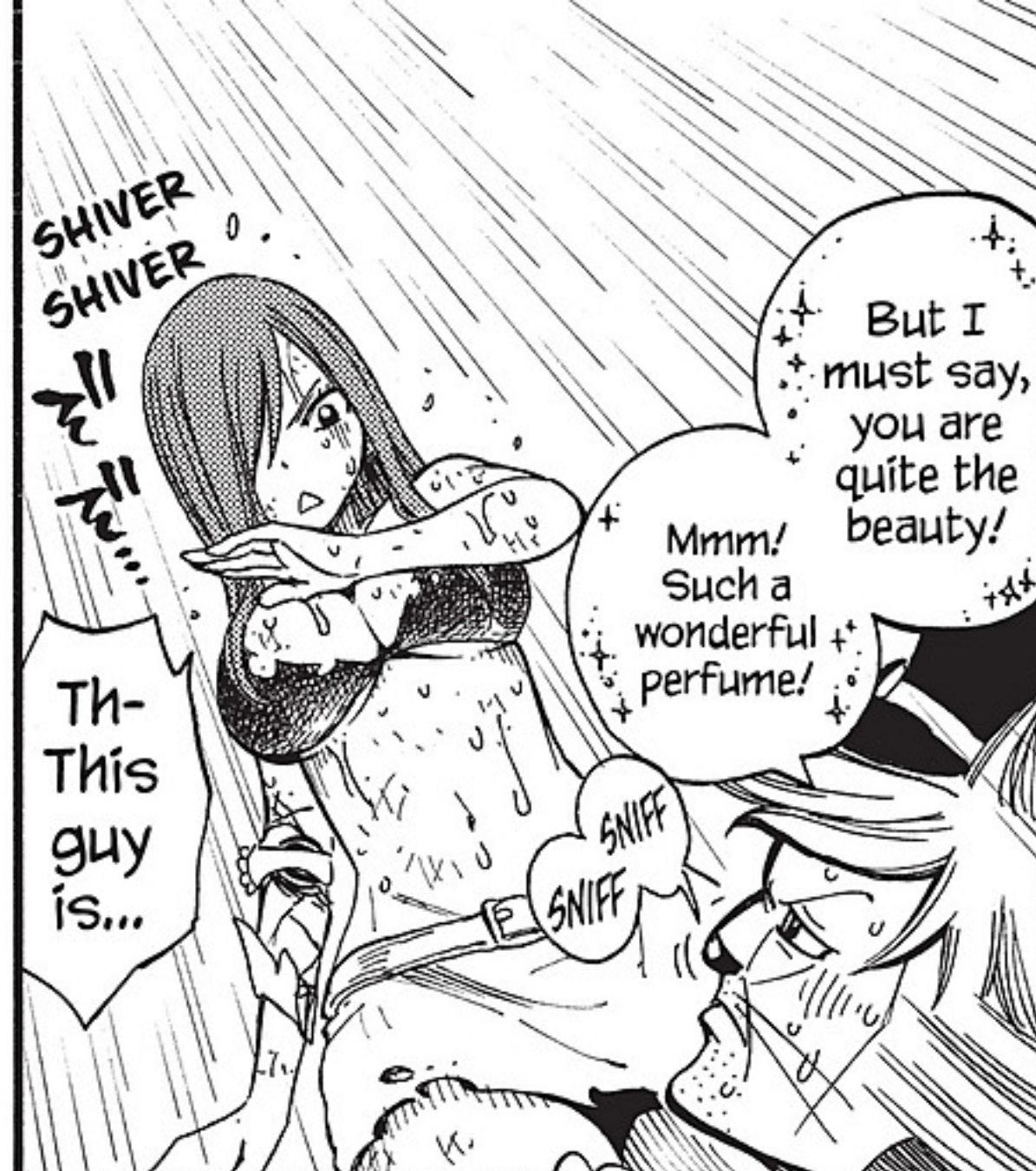
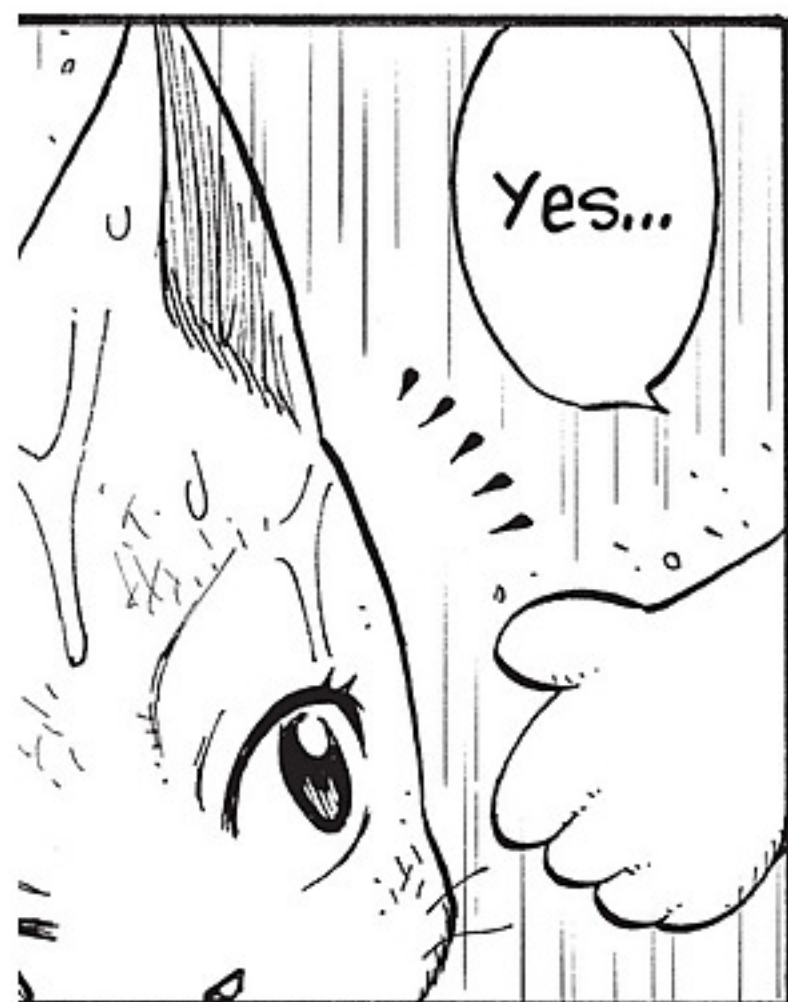
That was
your ability,
Carla.

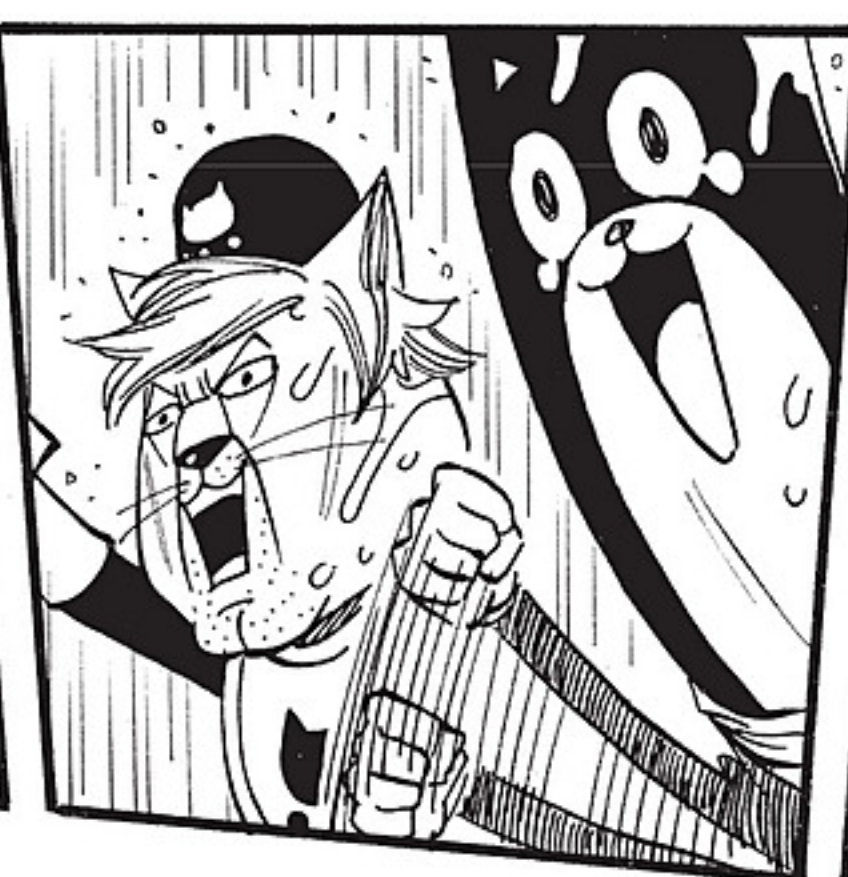
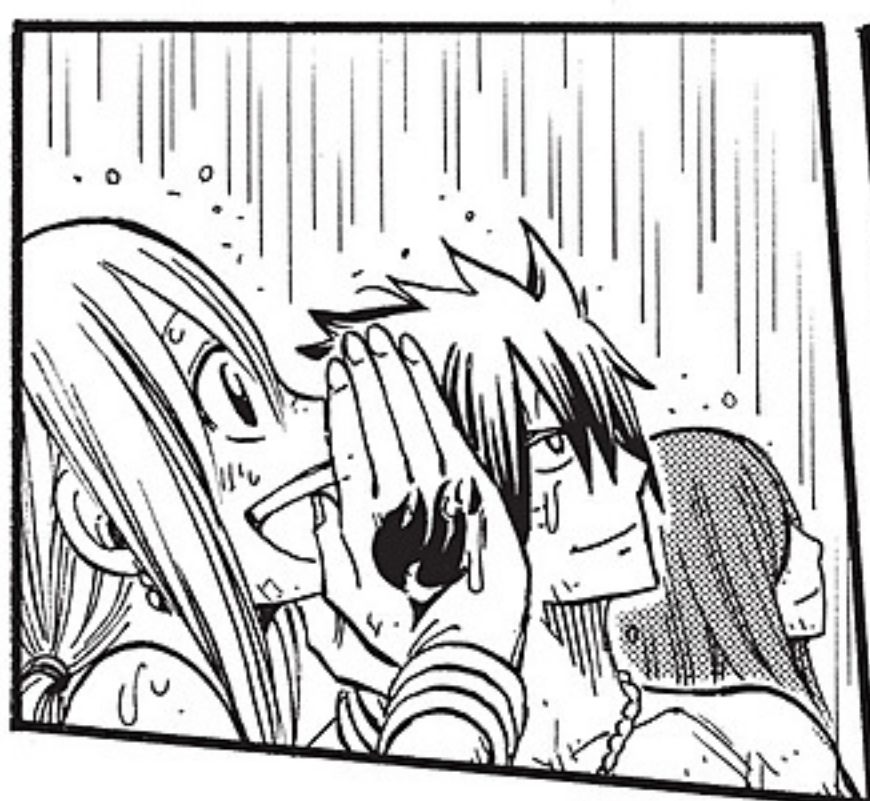
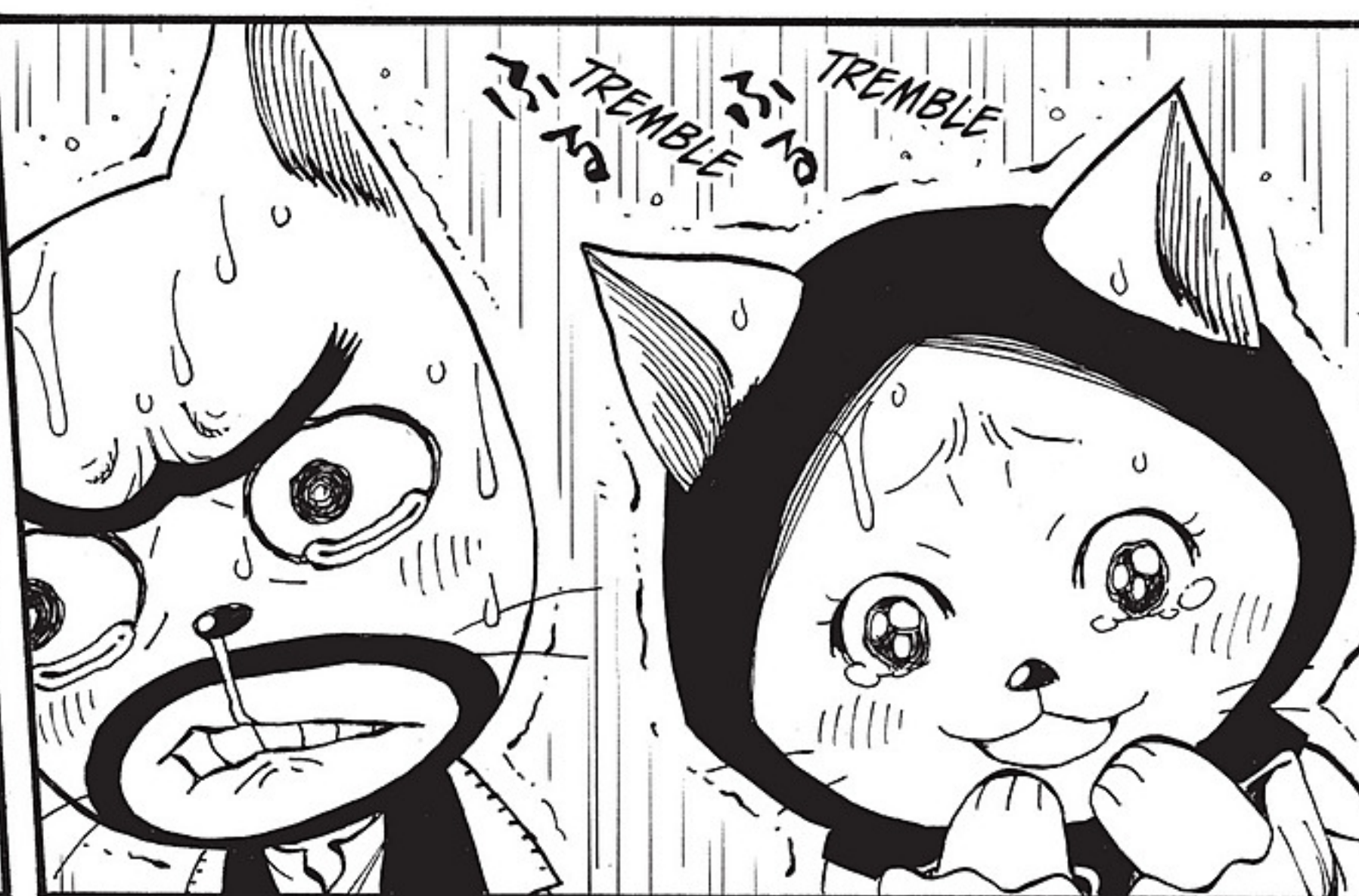








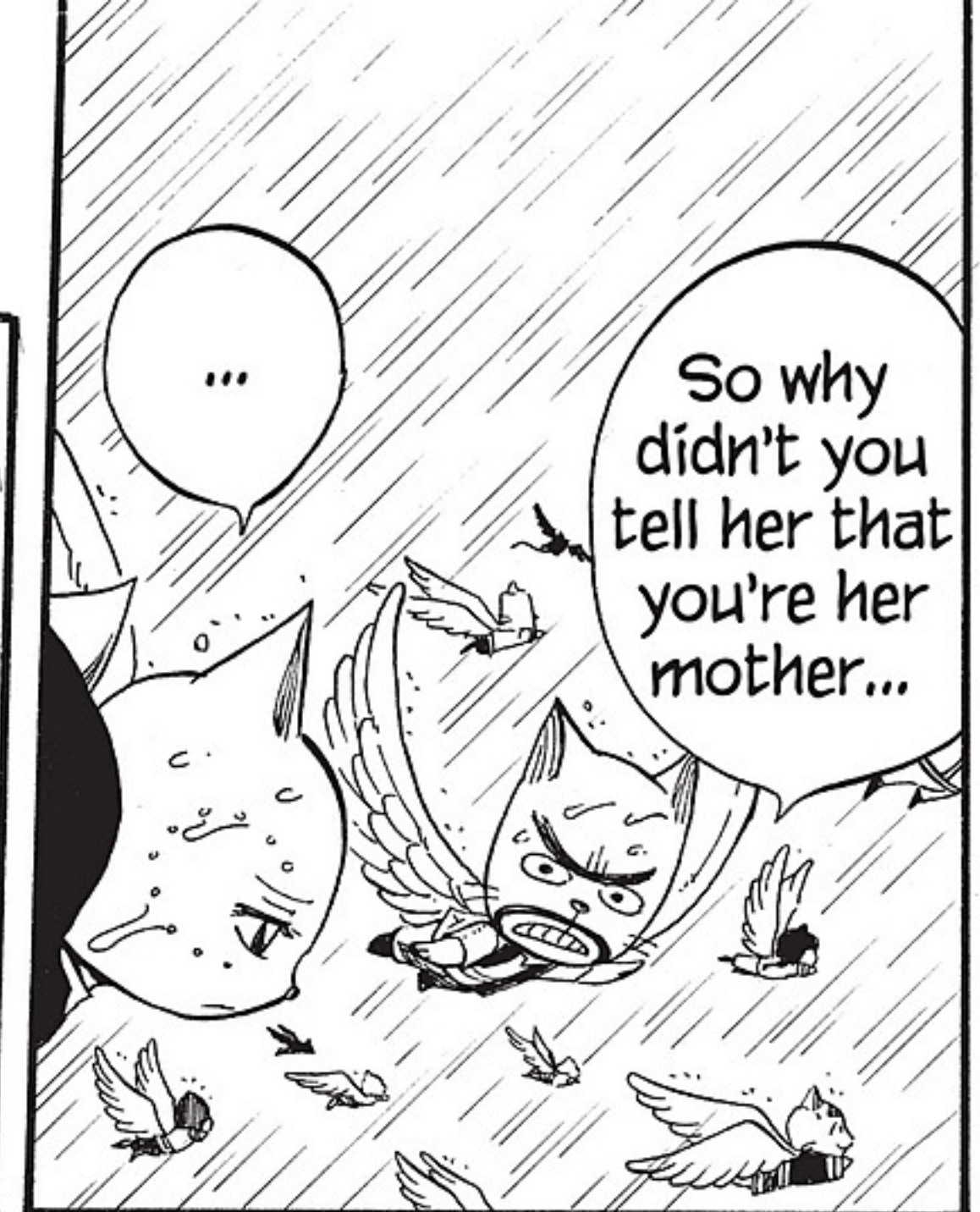






Not until the day we have found all of the children I sent to this world...

...will I have the right to admit that.

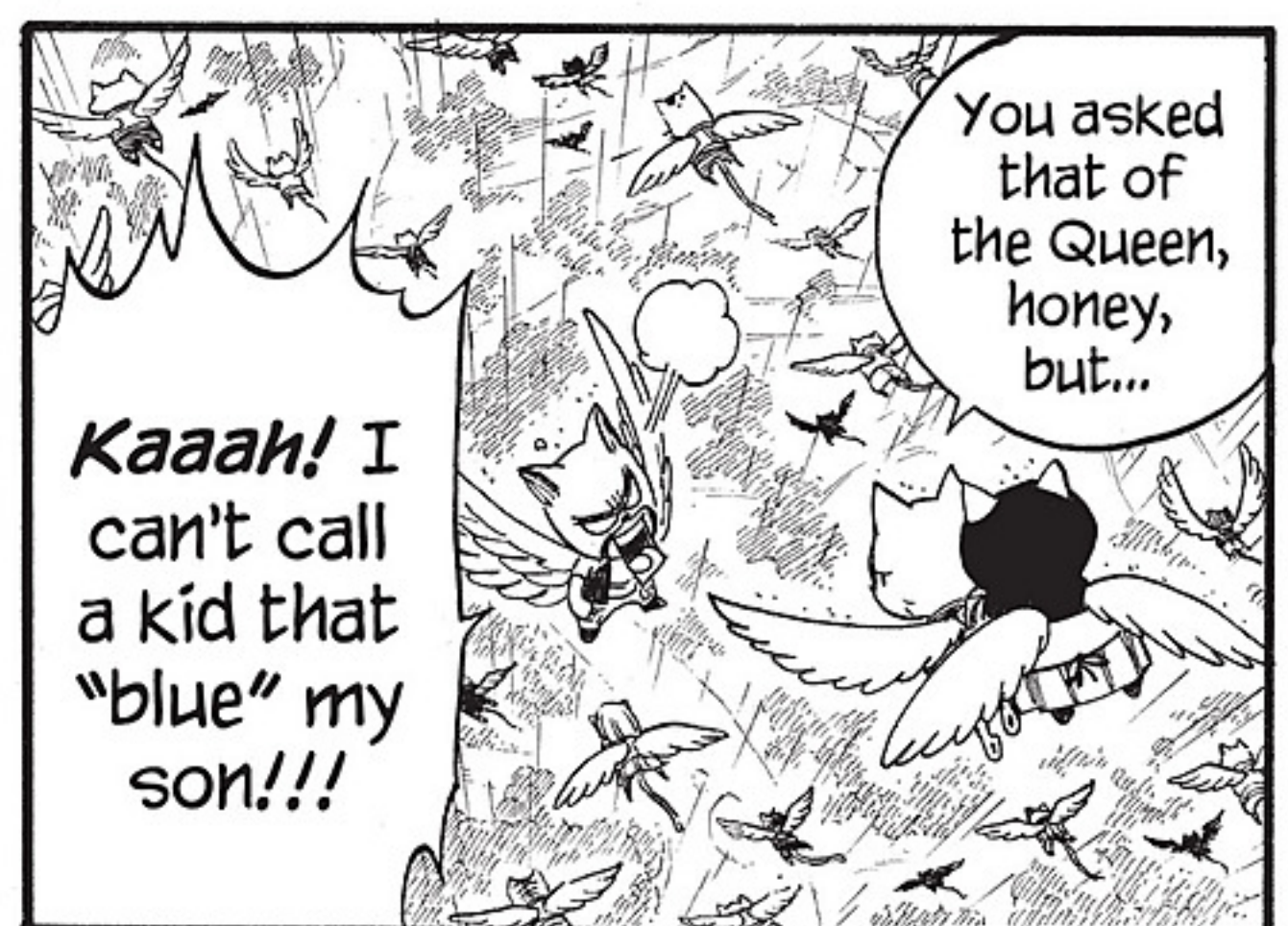


...

So why didn't you tell her that you're her mother...

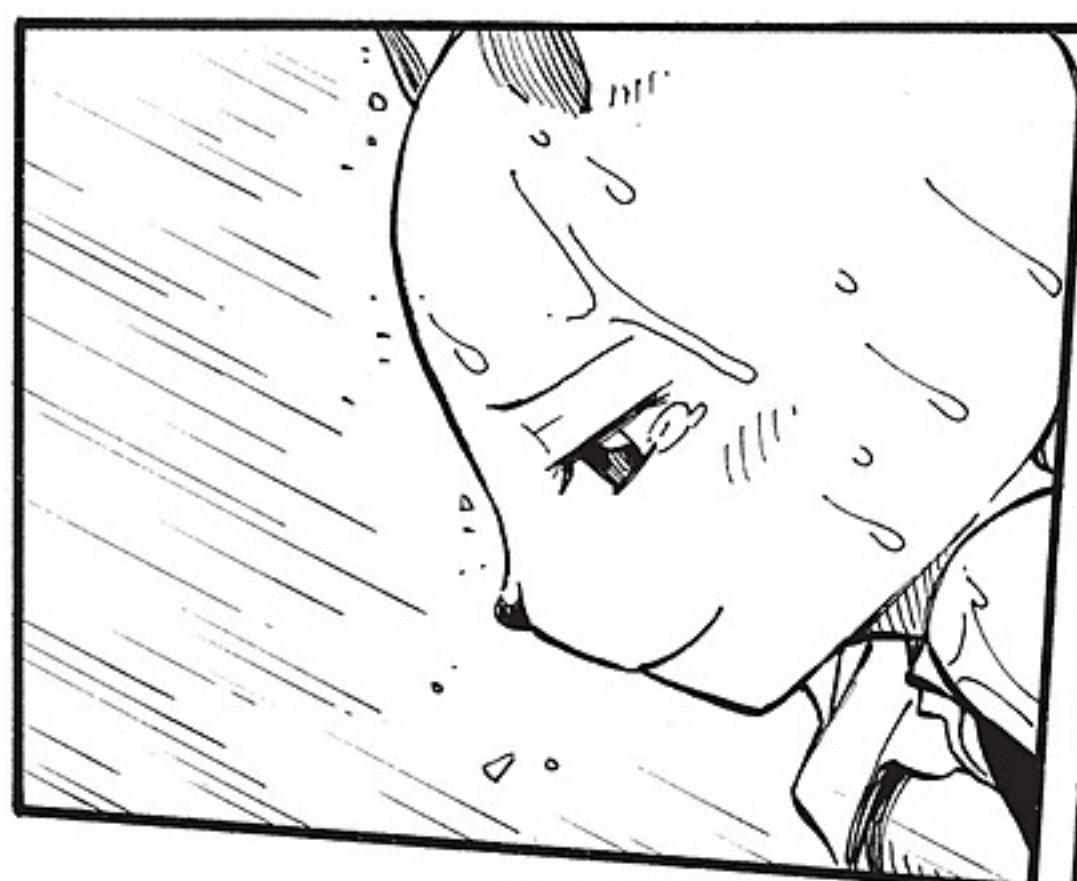


You can see her anytime now!



Kaaah! I can't call a kid that "blue" my son!!!

You asked that of the Queen, honey, but...



Uh... You see...

But I'm wondering... Um...



I'm a queen in name only.

I never knew you sent your own egg along with the others.

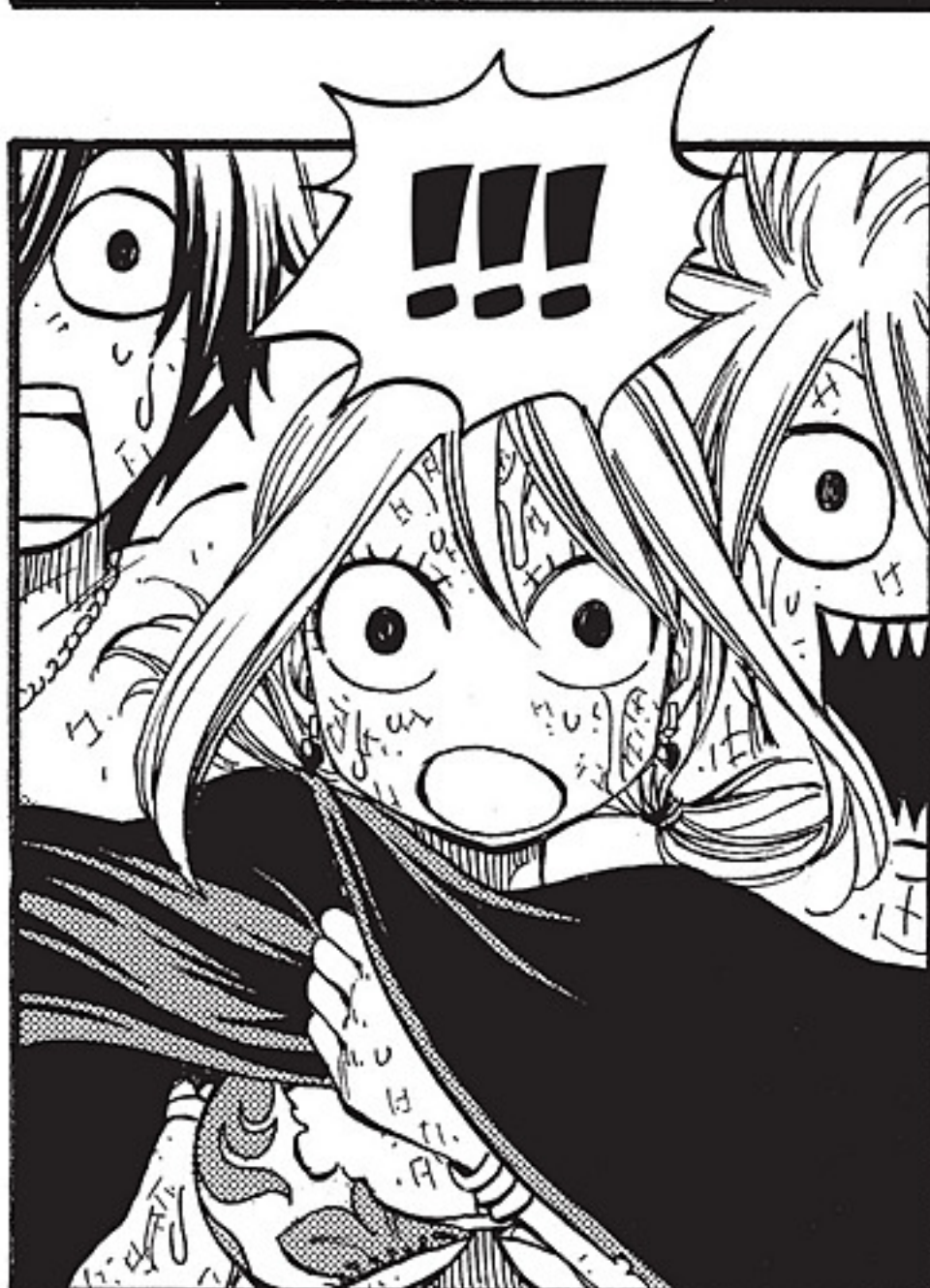
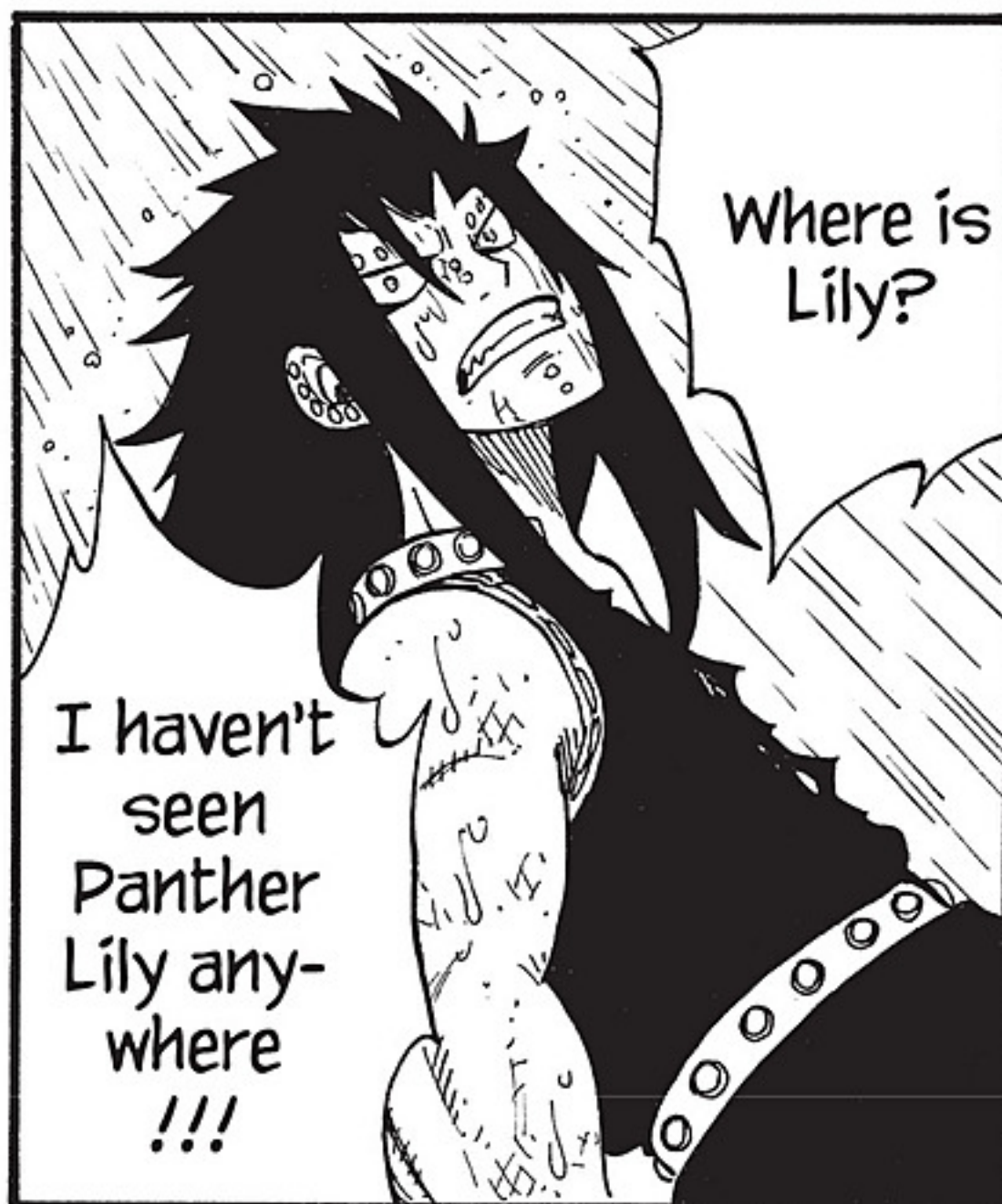


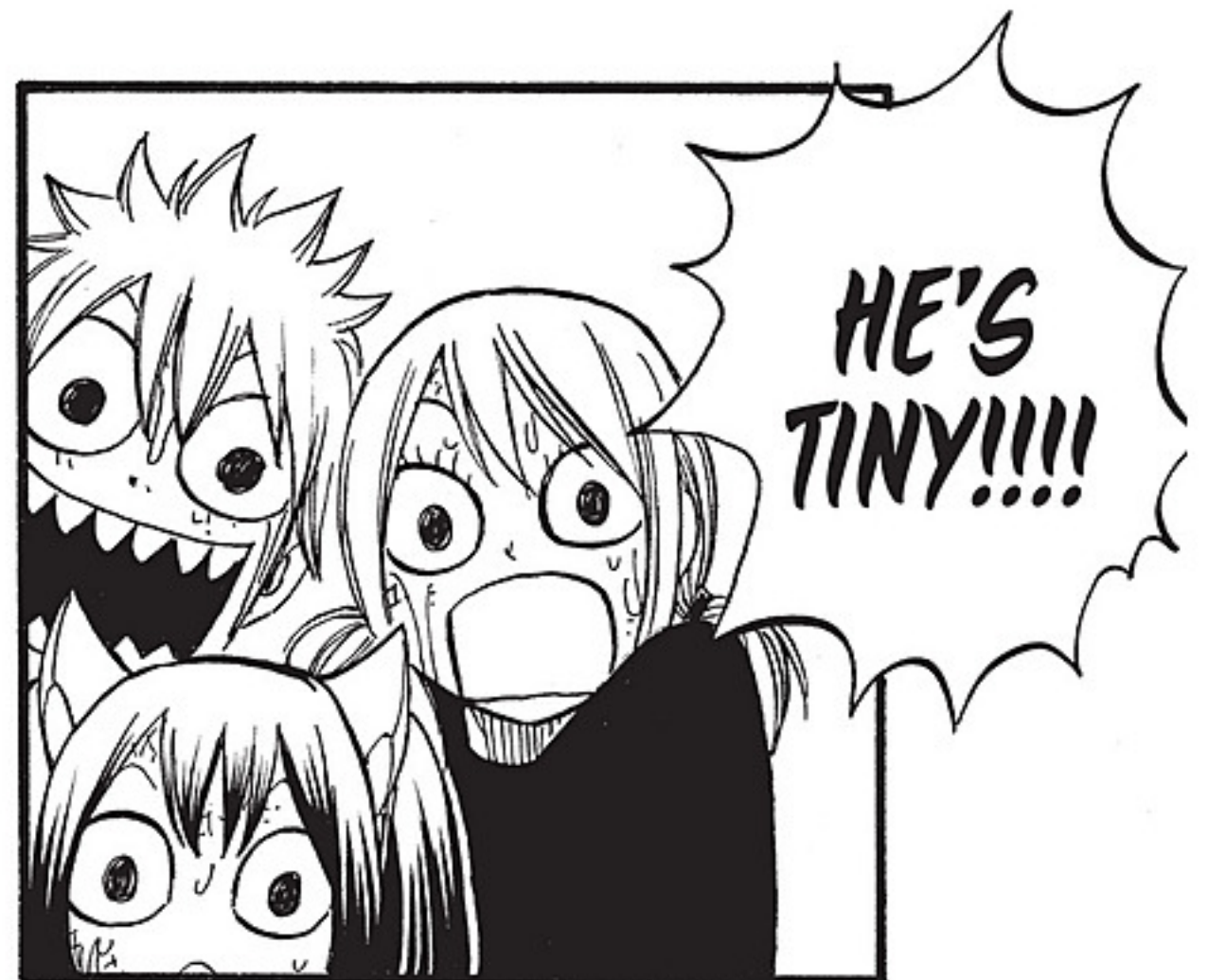
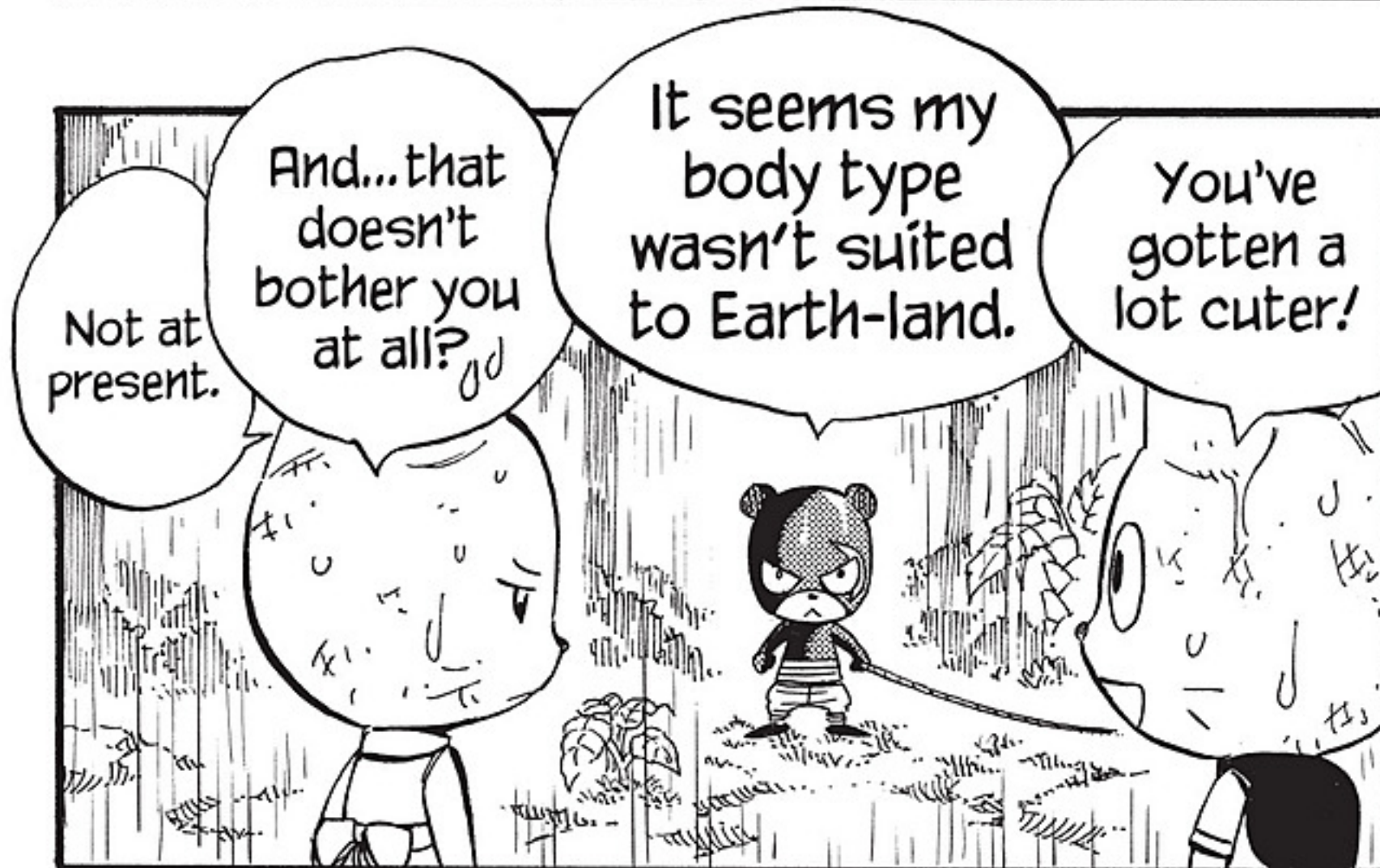
But a
mother's own
child is always
dearest to
her.

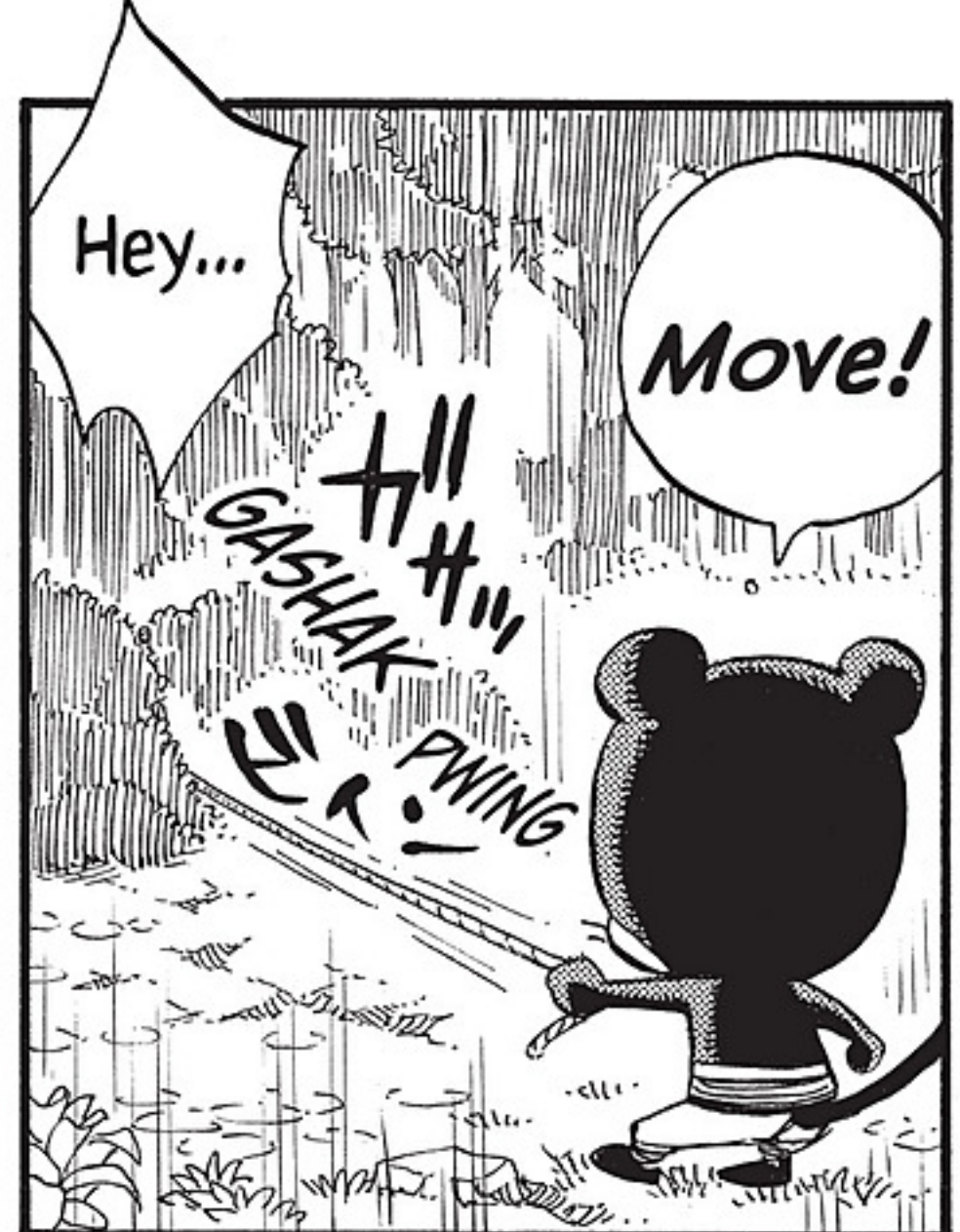
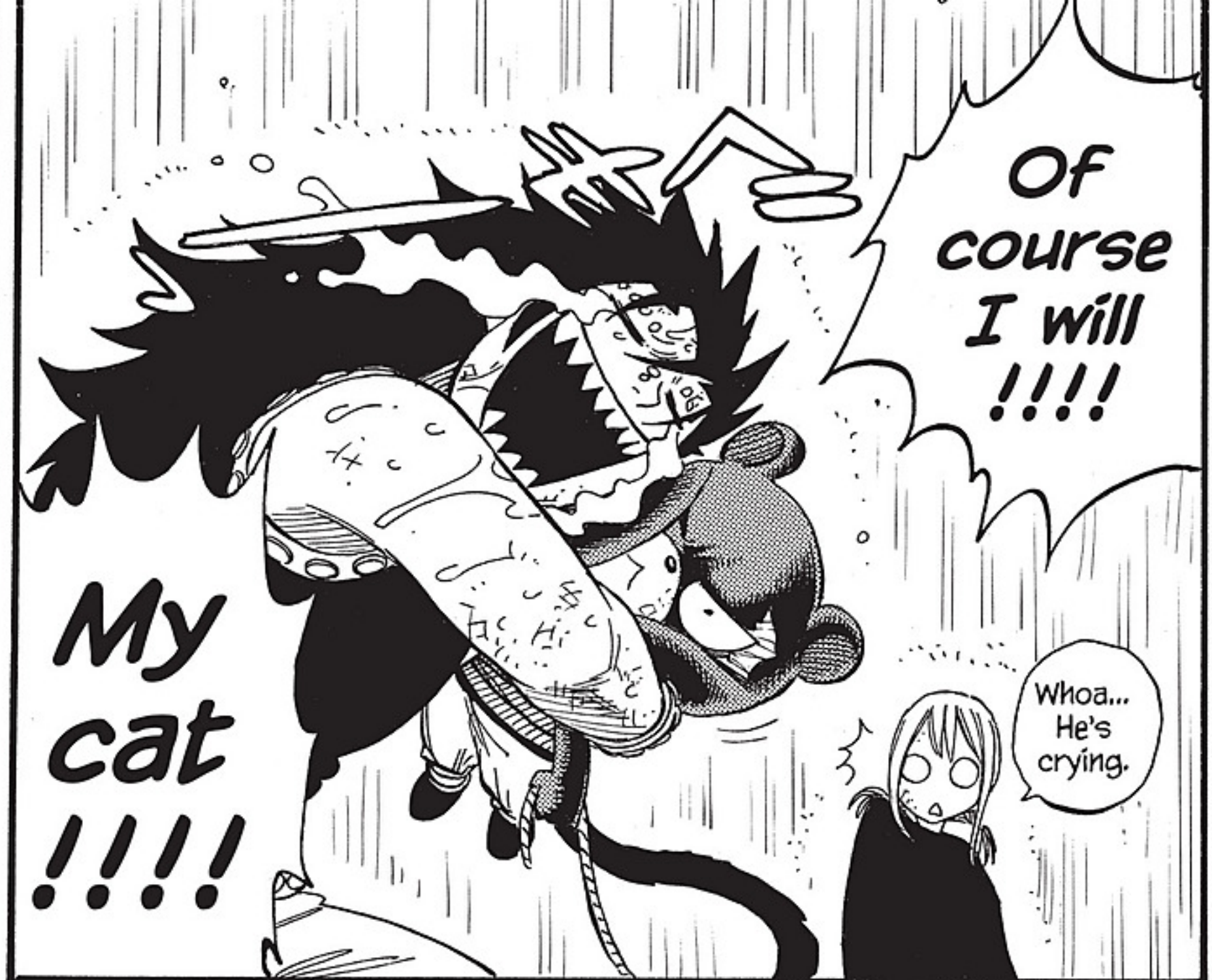


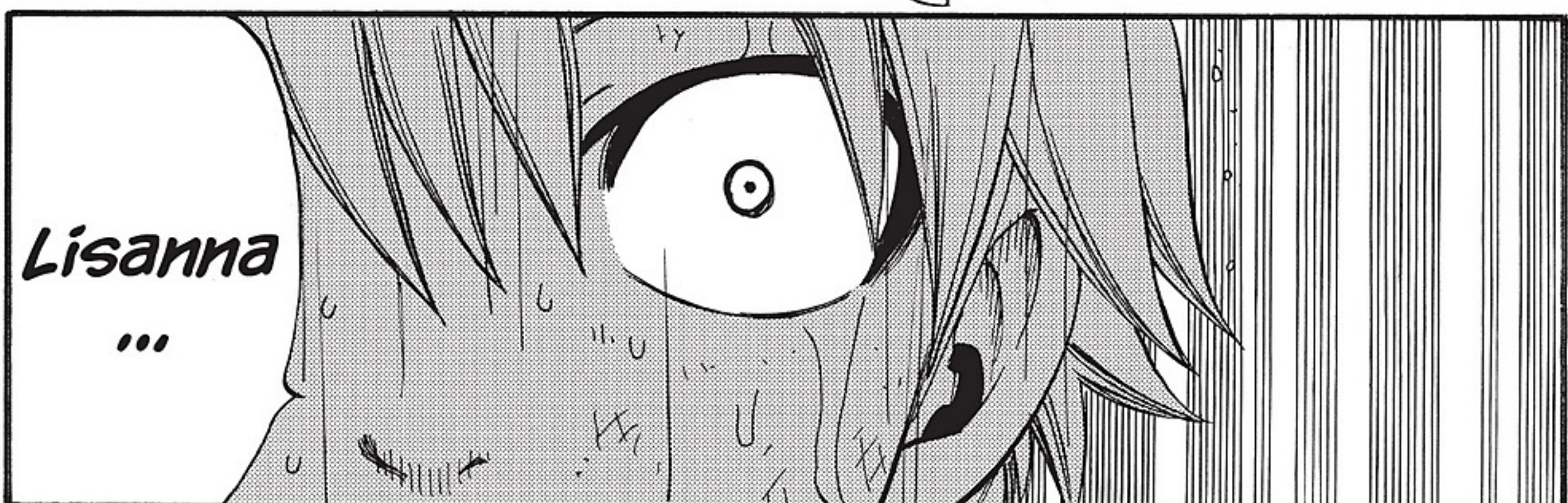
**Kaaaah!!
That's the
truth!**











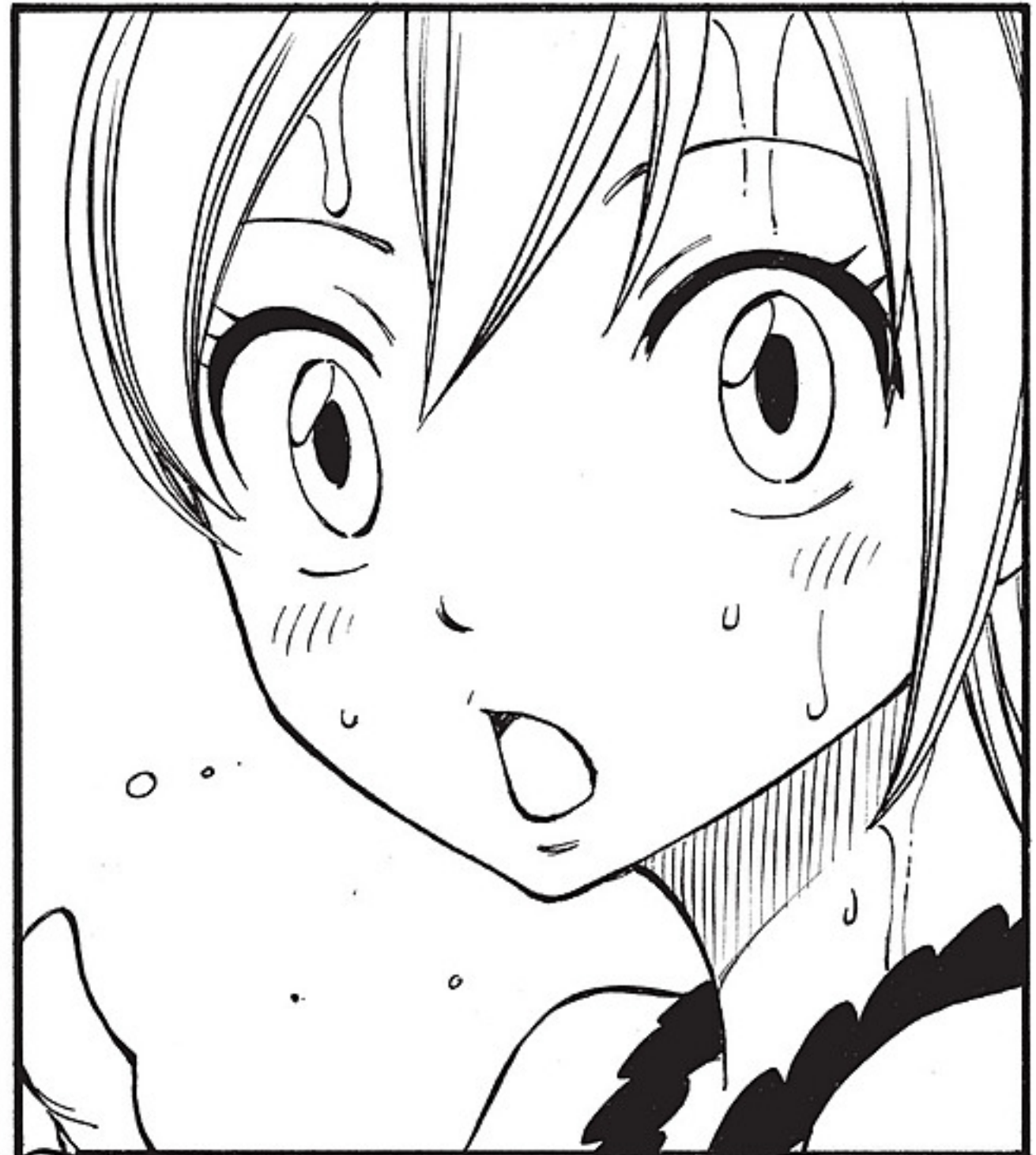
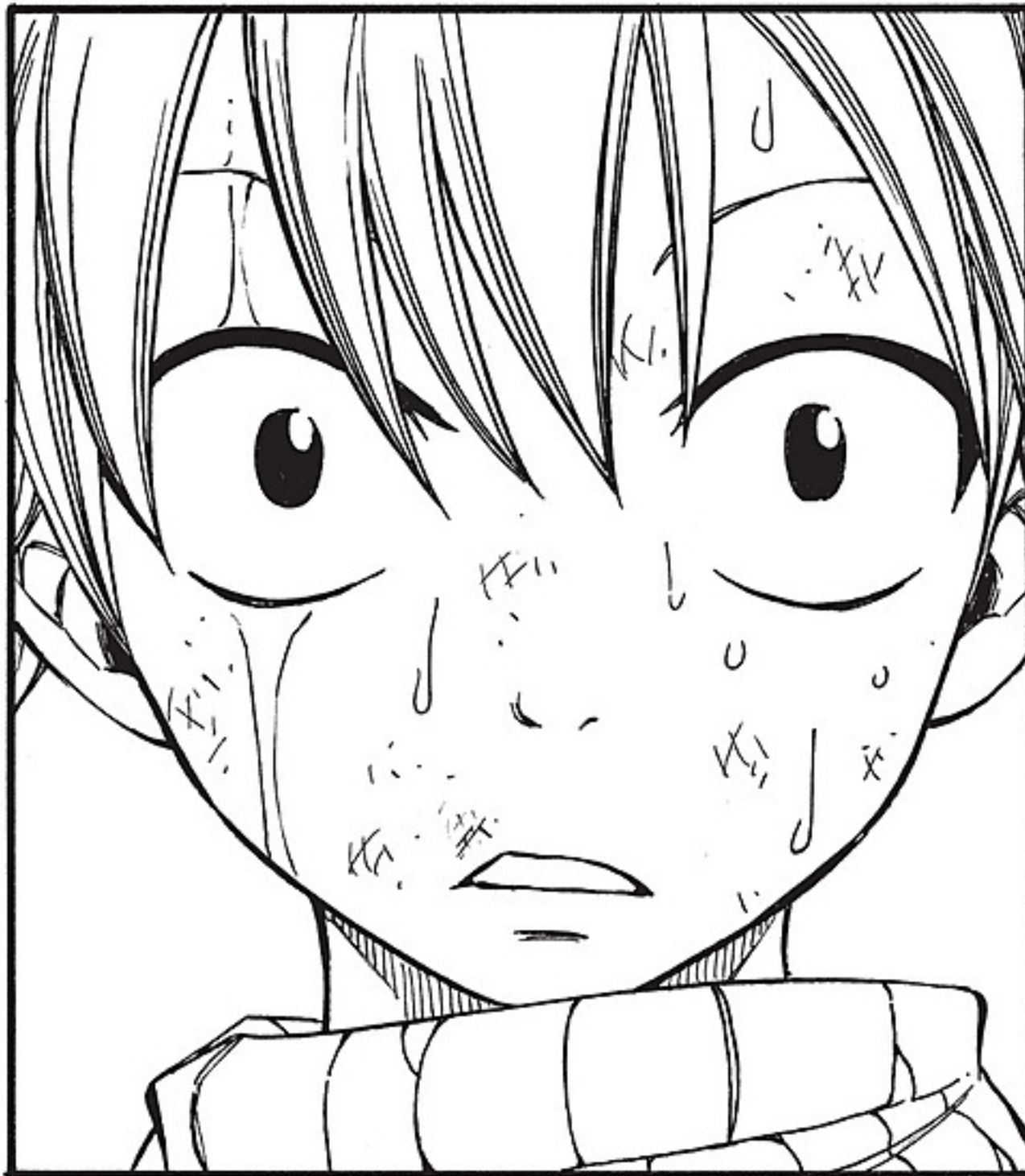
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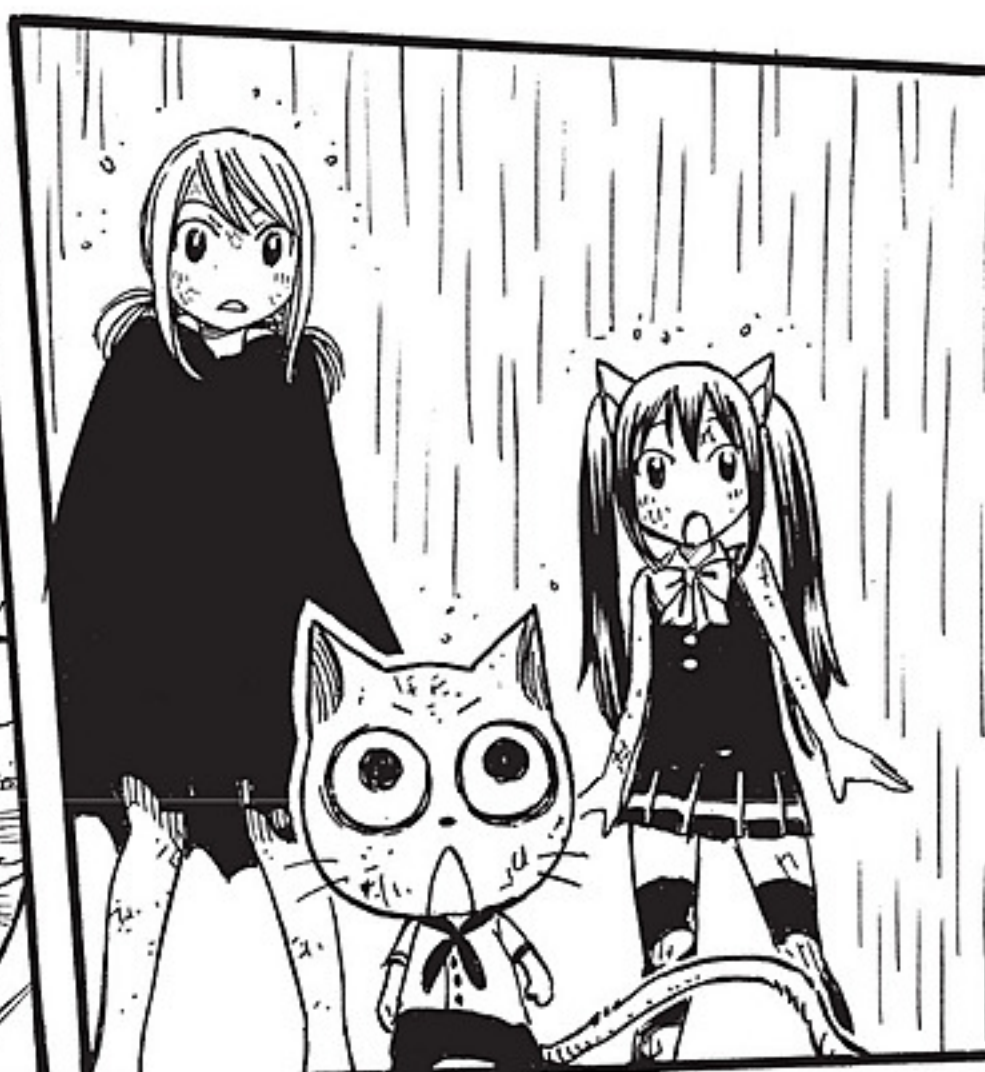
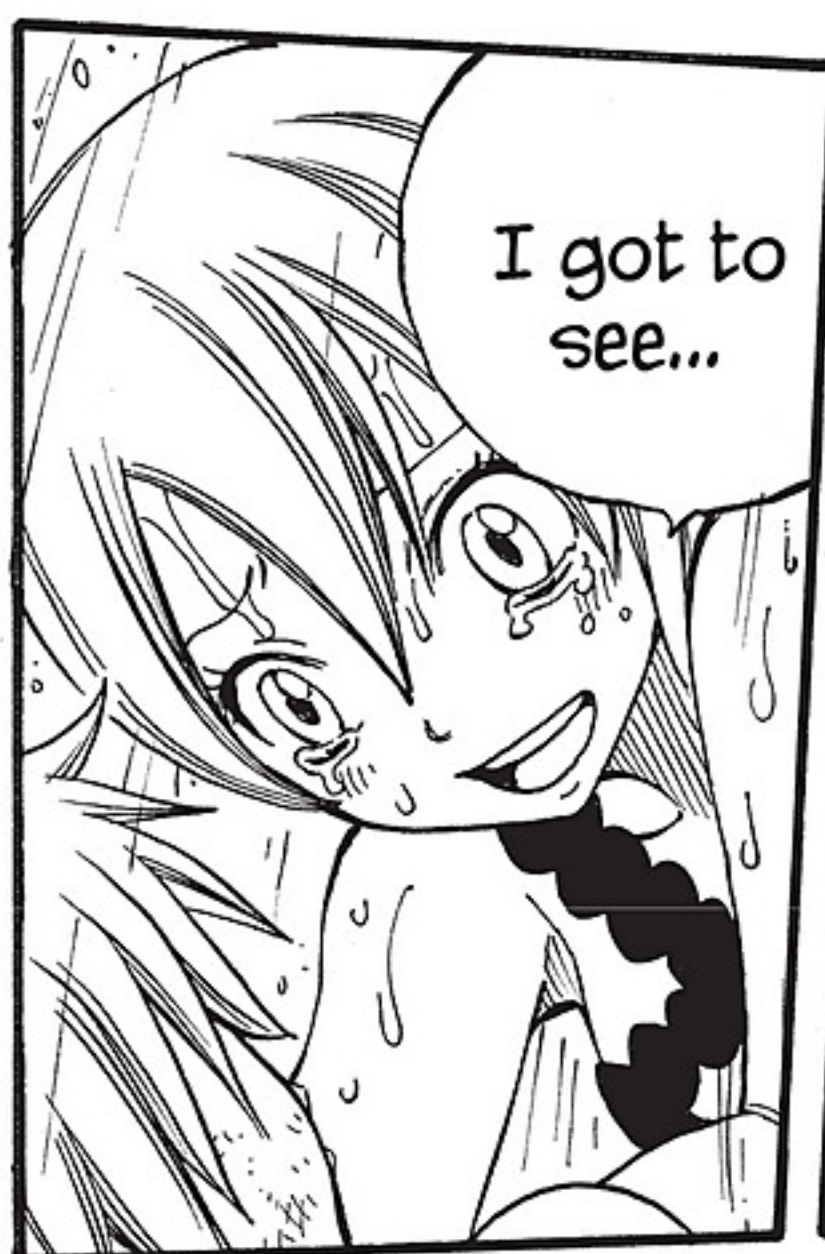
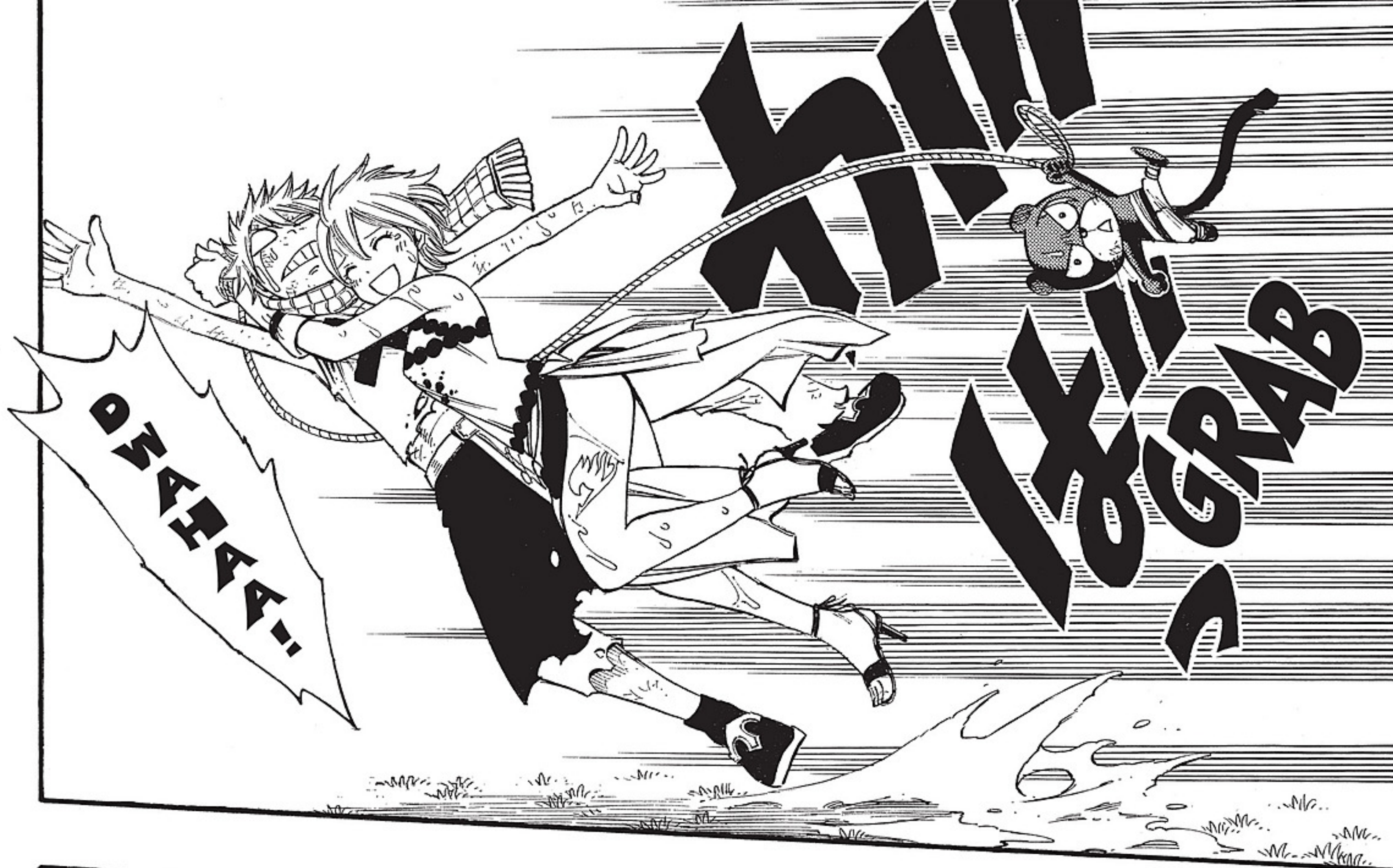
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Chapter 199: Lisanna











It's Erza and Gray too! Long time no see!!



It's me!!
Lisanna!!

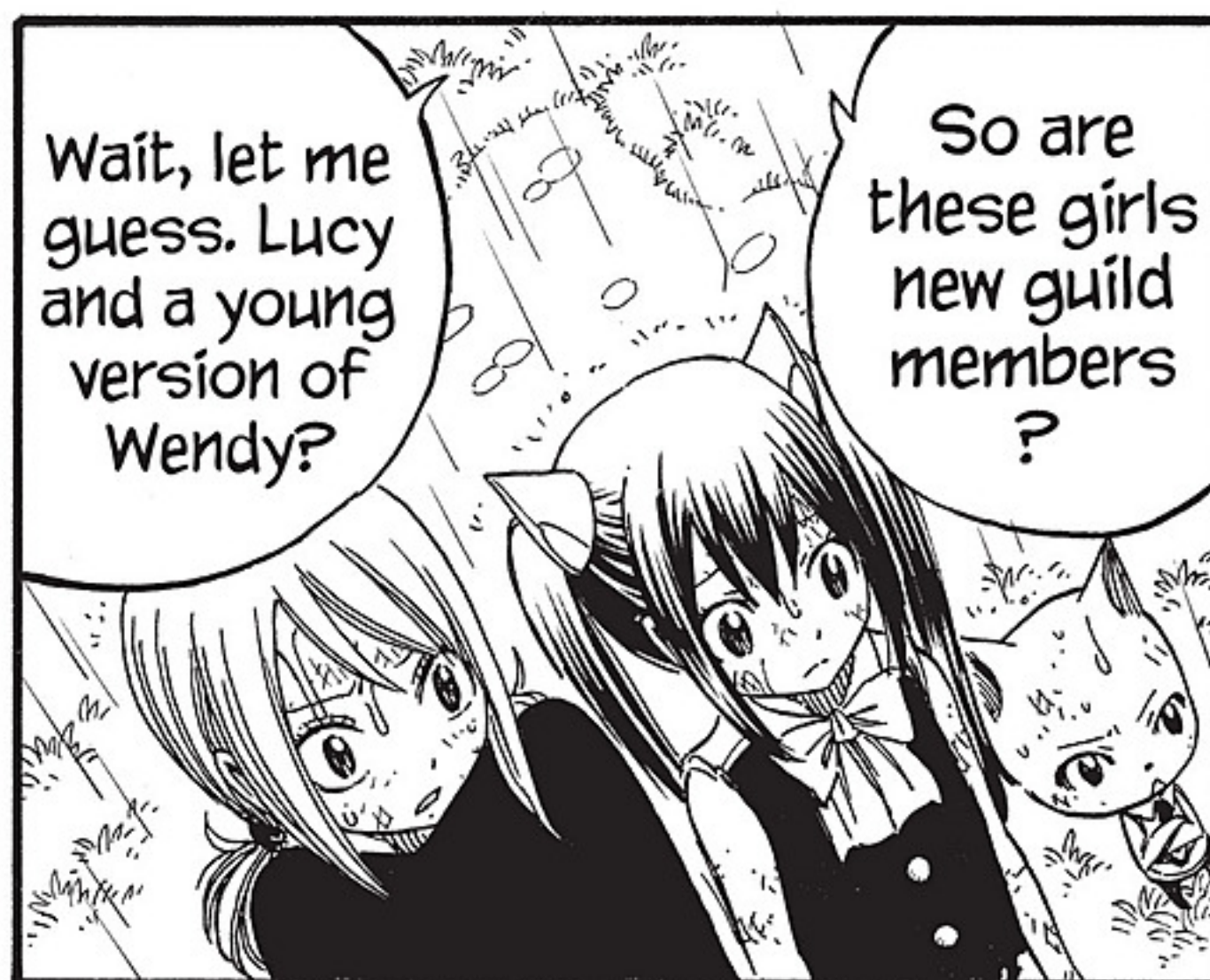


...the
Earth-land
Lisanna?!



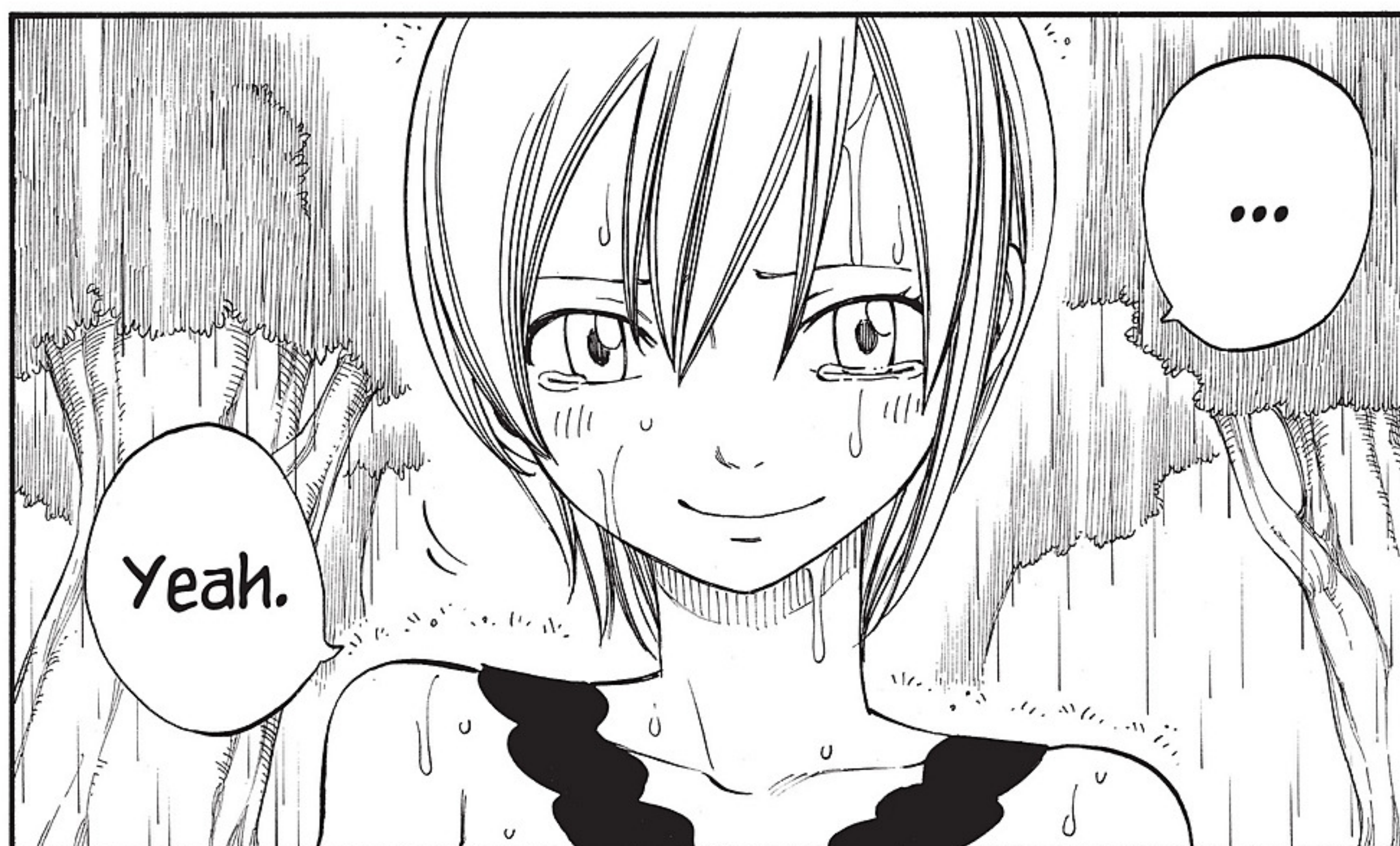
Hold it...
You...

...
can't
be...



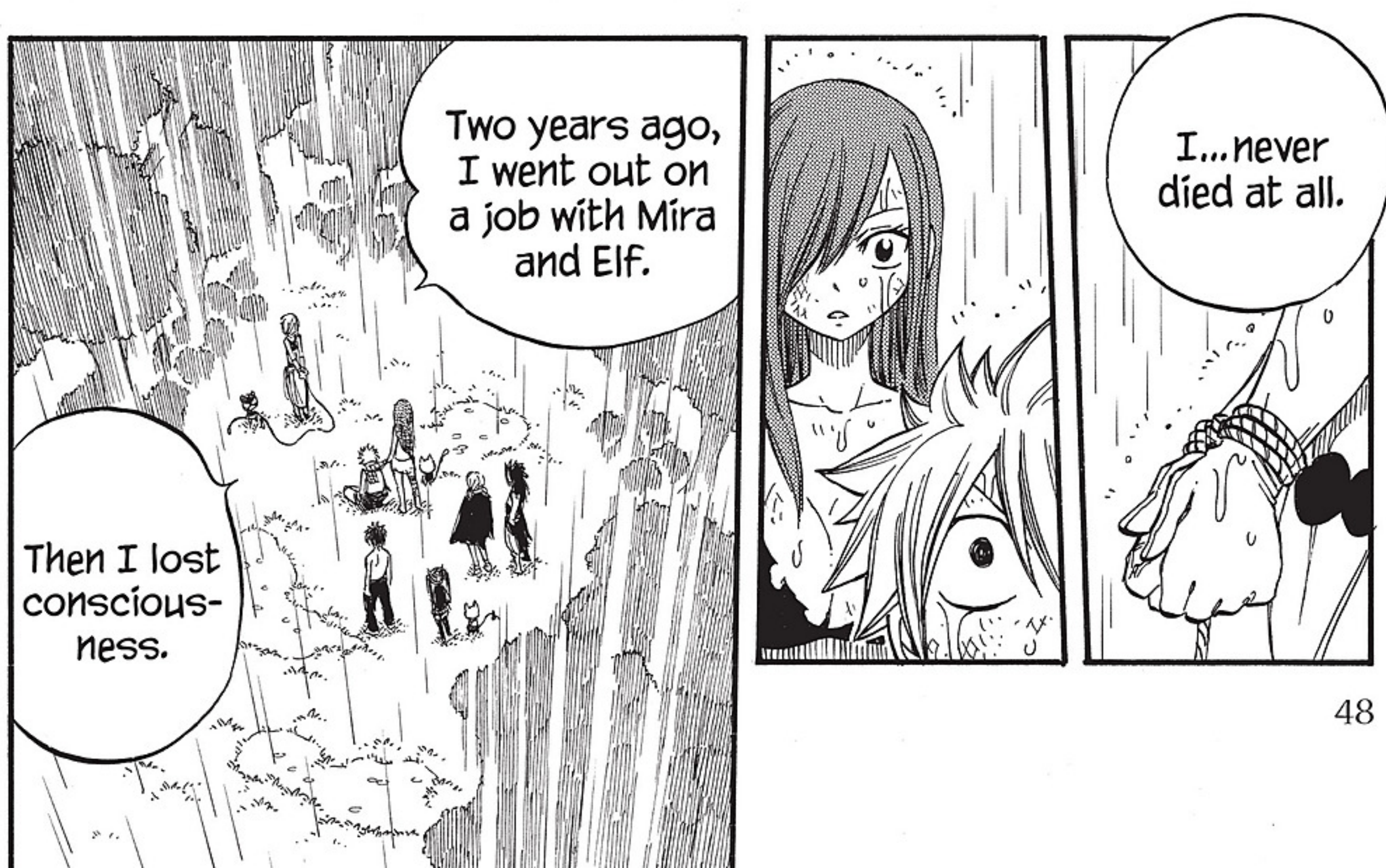
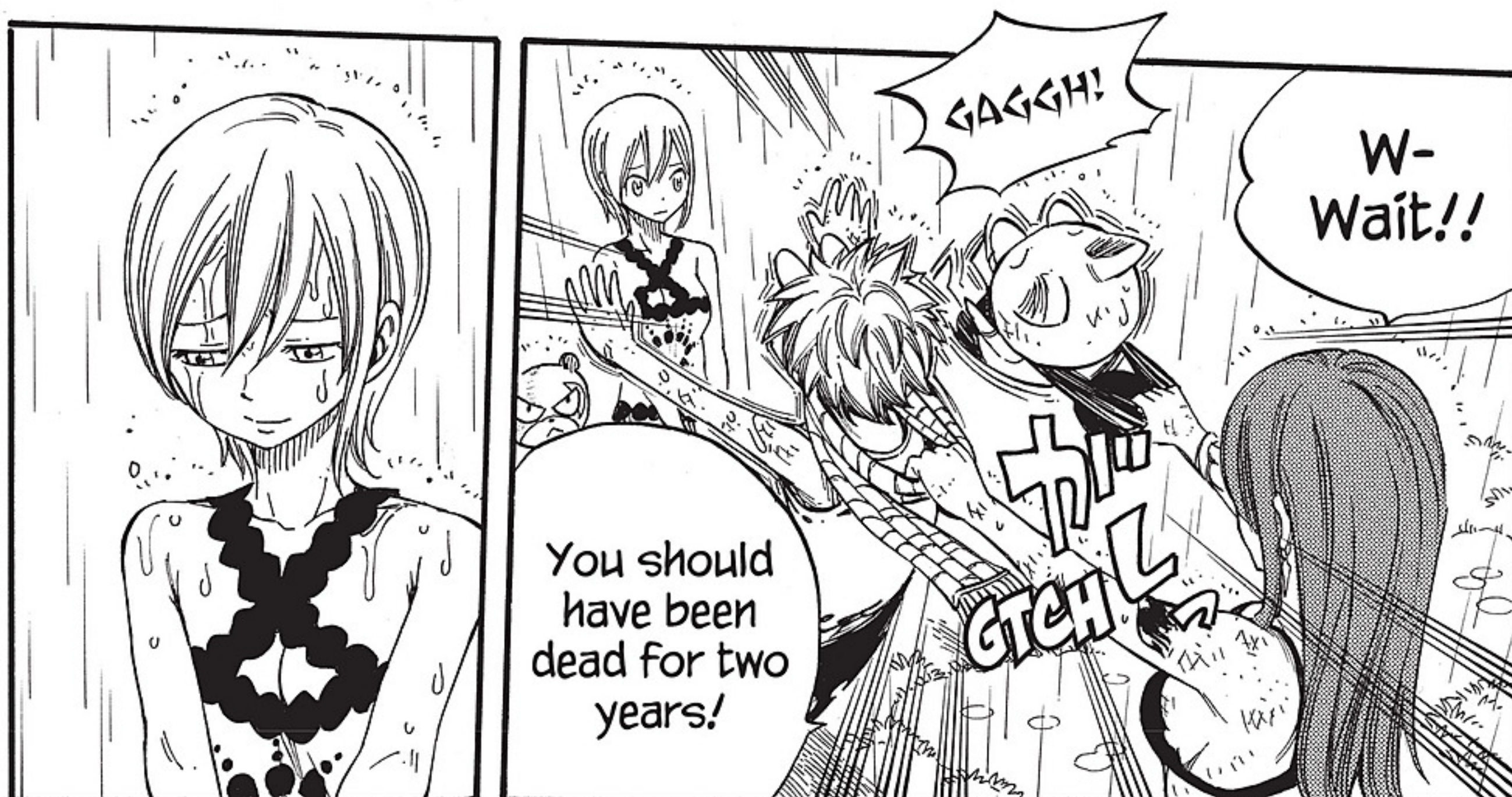
Wait, let me
guess. Lucy
and a young
version of
Wendy?

So are
these girls
new guild
members
?



Yeah.

...

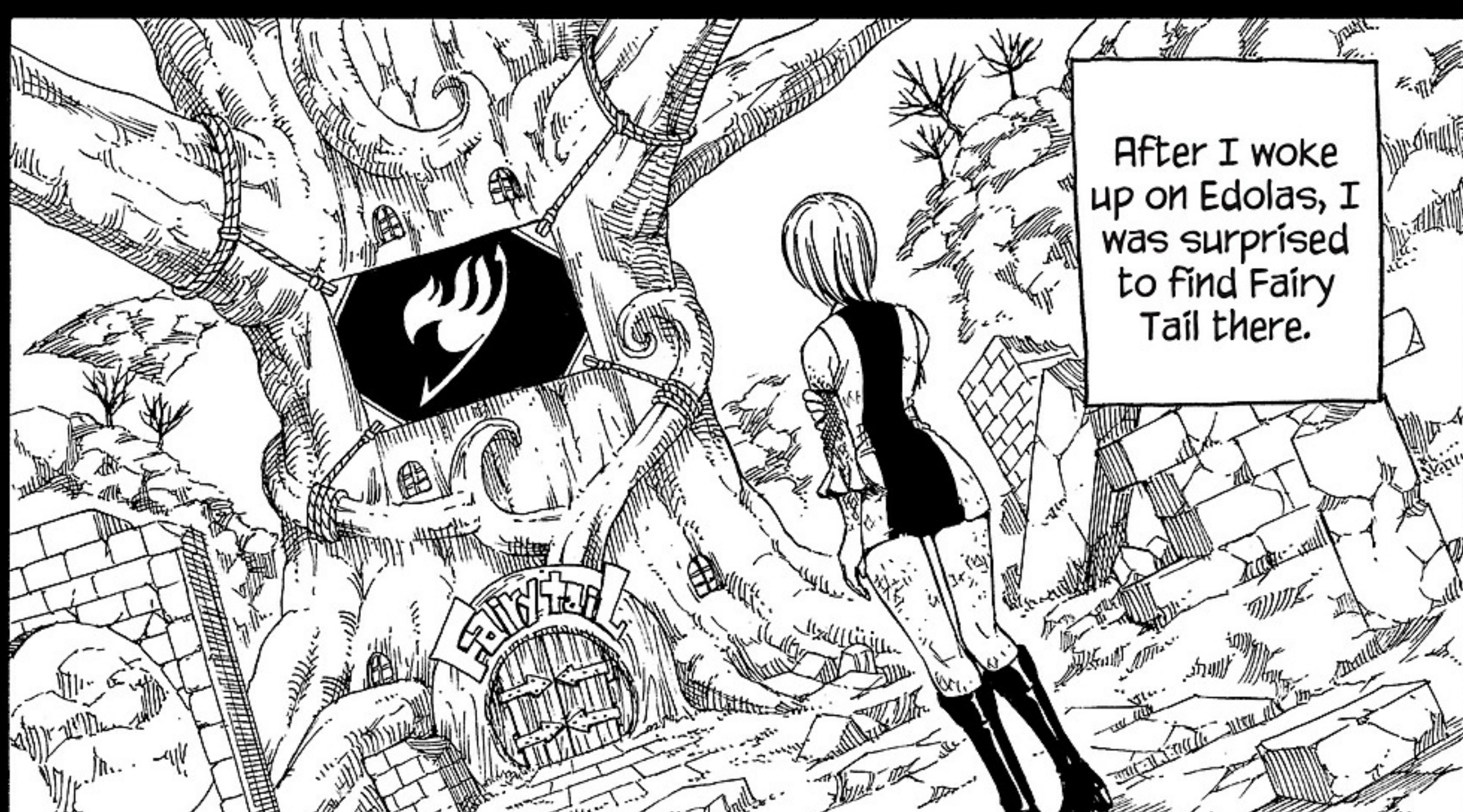




Back then
there were a
lot of small
anima all
over Earth-
land.



I can only
guess that I
was sucked
through the
anima.



After I woke
up on Edolas, I
was surprised
to find Fairy
Tail there.



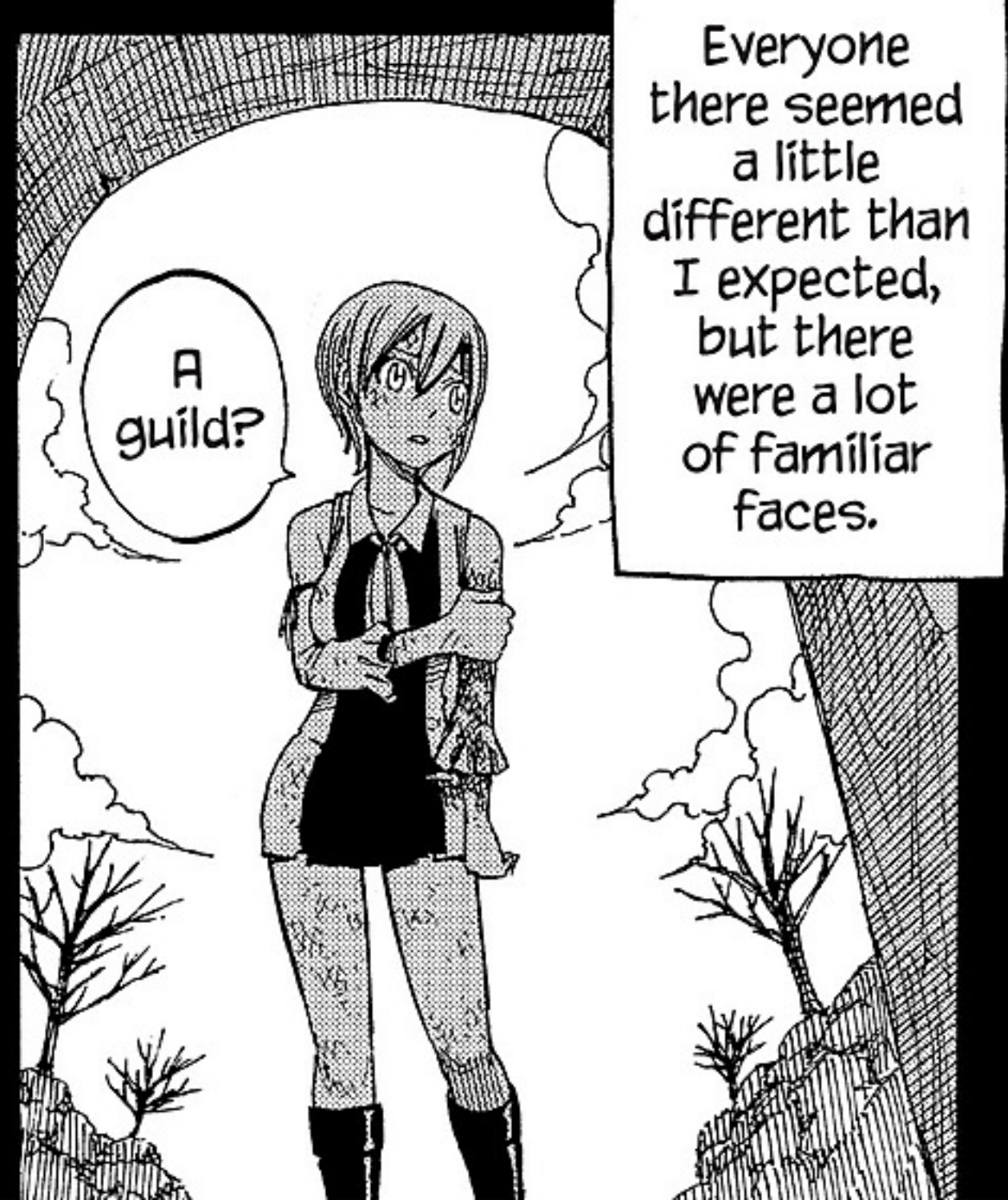
Lisanna
has
come
back!

Ohh!

Lis-
anna!

Everyone
there
mistook
me for
the Edolas
Lisanna.

My guess
is the
Lisanna of
Edolas...



A
guild?

Everyone
there seemed
a little
different than
I expected,
but there
were a lot
of familiar
faces.



...might have been dead already.

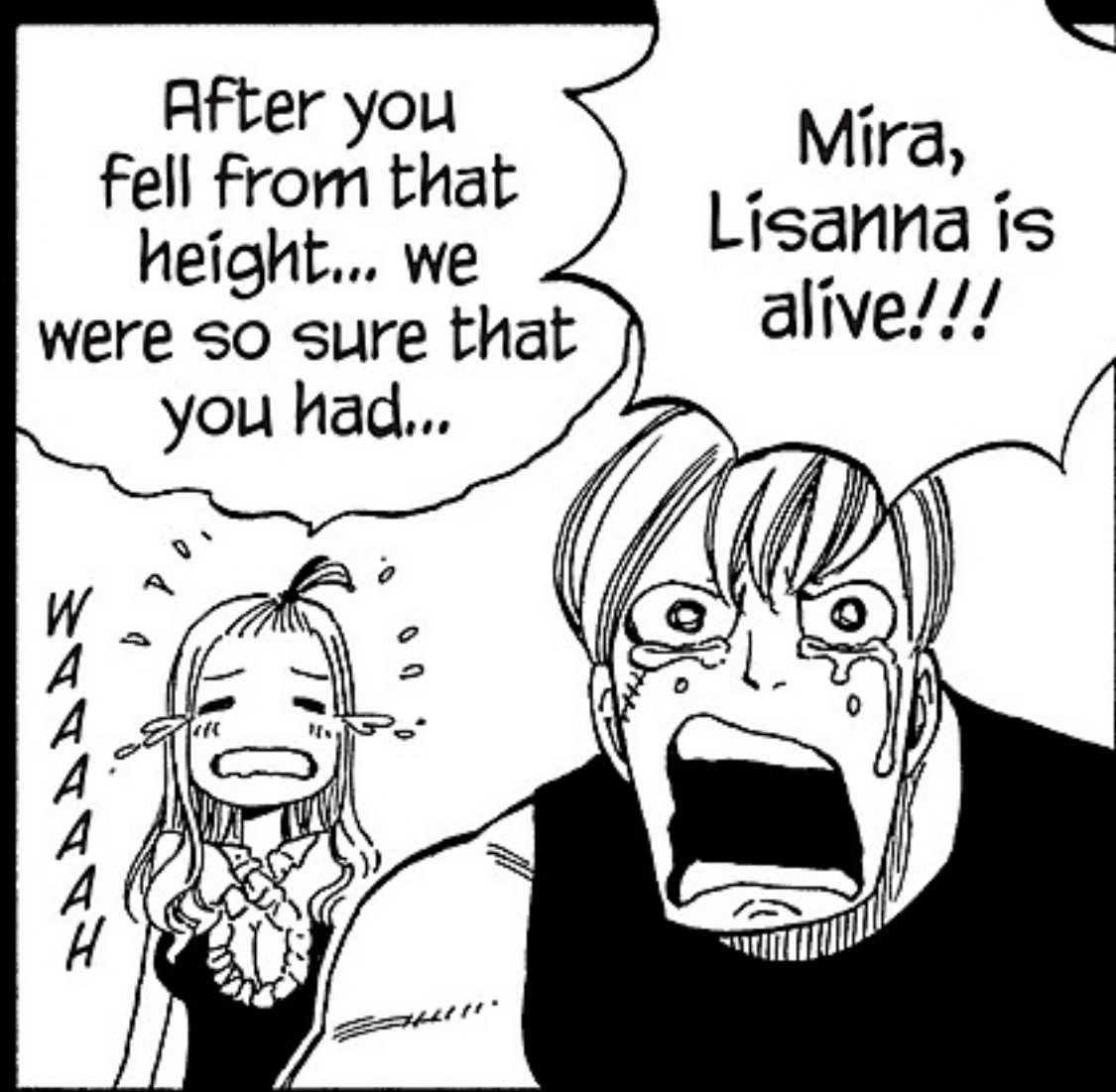
I just got that impression from the mood of the guild.



Lisanna ...!!!

Don't ever leave us again...

No... Um...



After you fell from that height... we were so sure that you had...

Mira, Lisanna is alive!!!

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H



So I pretended to be the Edolas Lisanna.

I'm home.

I wasn't able to tell them the truth.



And two
years
later...



I hid my
magic...

...and
got used
to life on
Edolas.

At first
I was
really dis-
oriented
...

...but I
tried to
fit in.



...Earth-
land Natsu
and Happy
appeared.

Lisanna
!!!!

...six
days
ago...

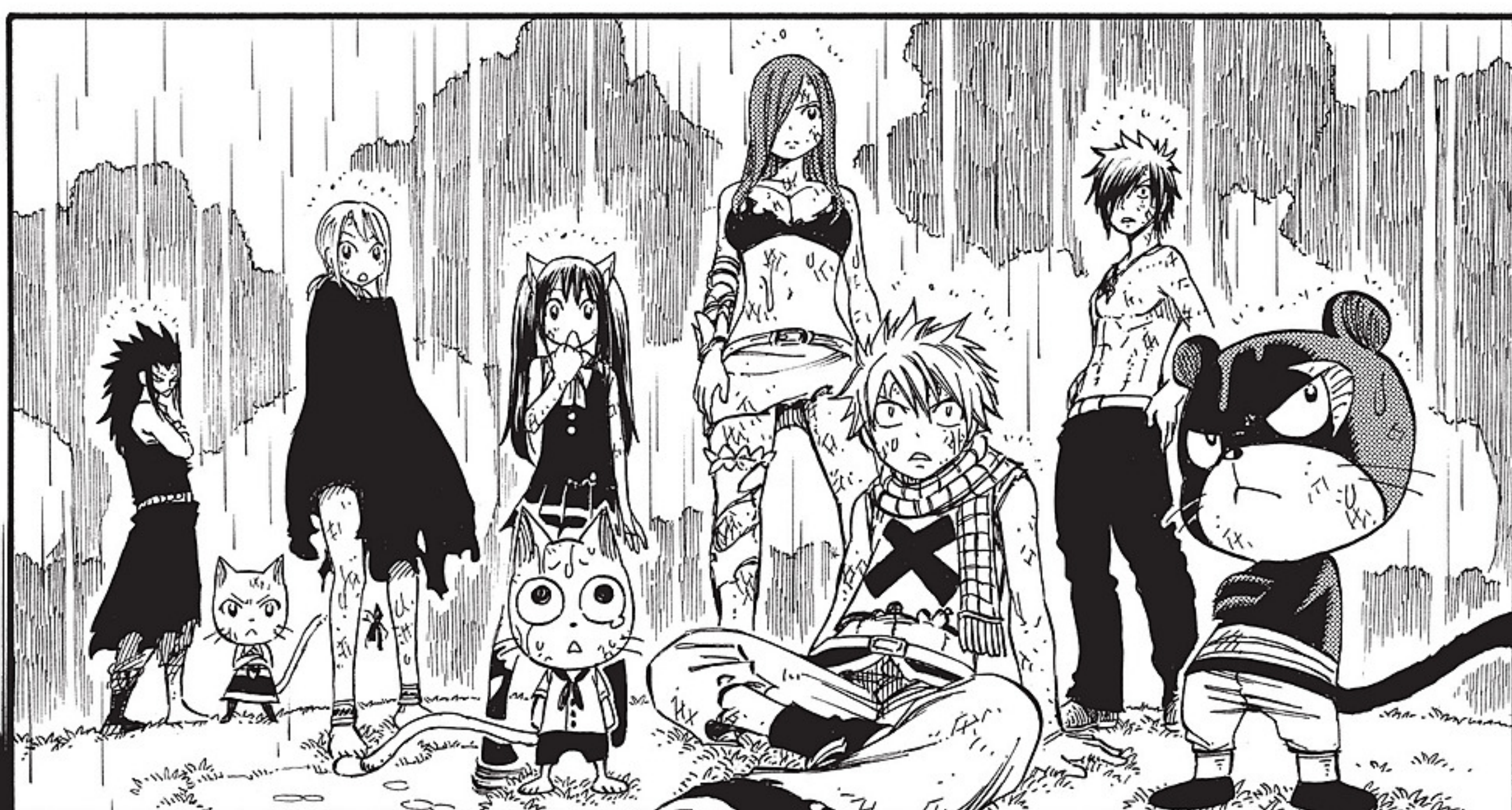
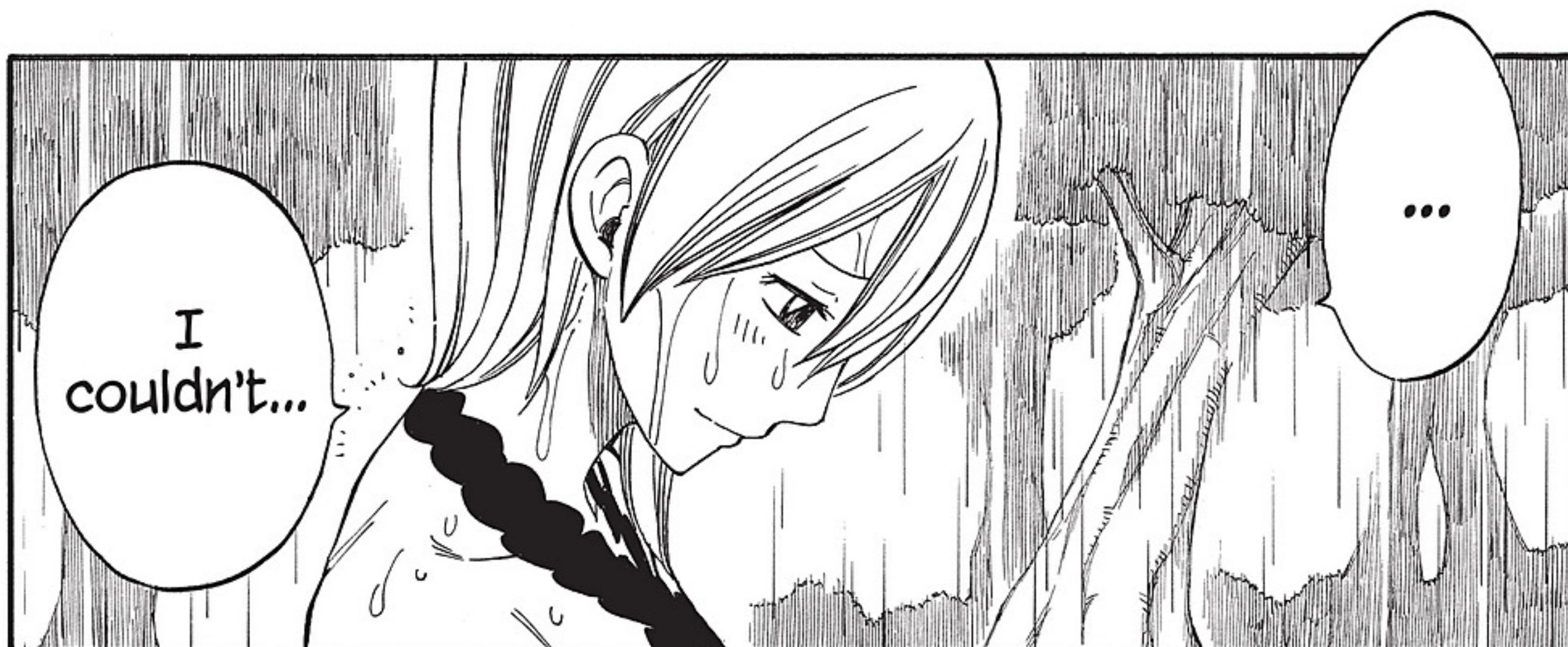


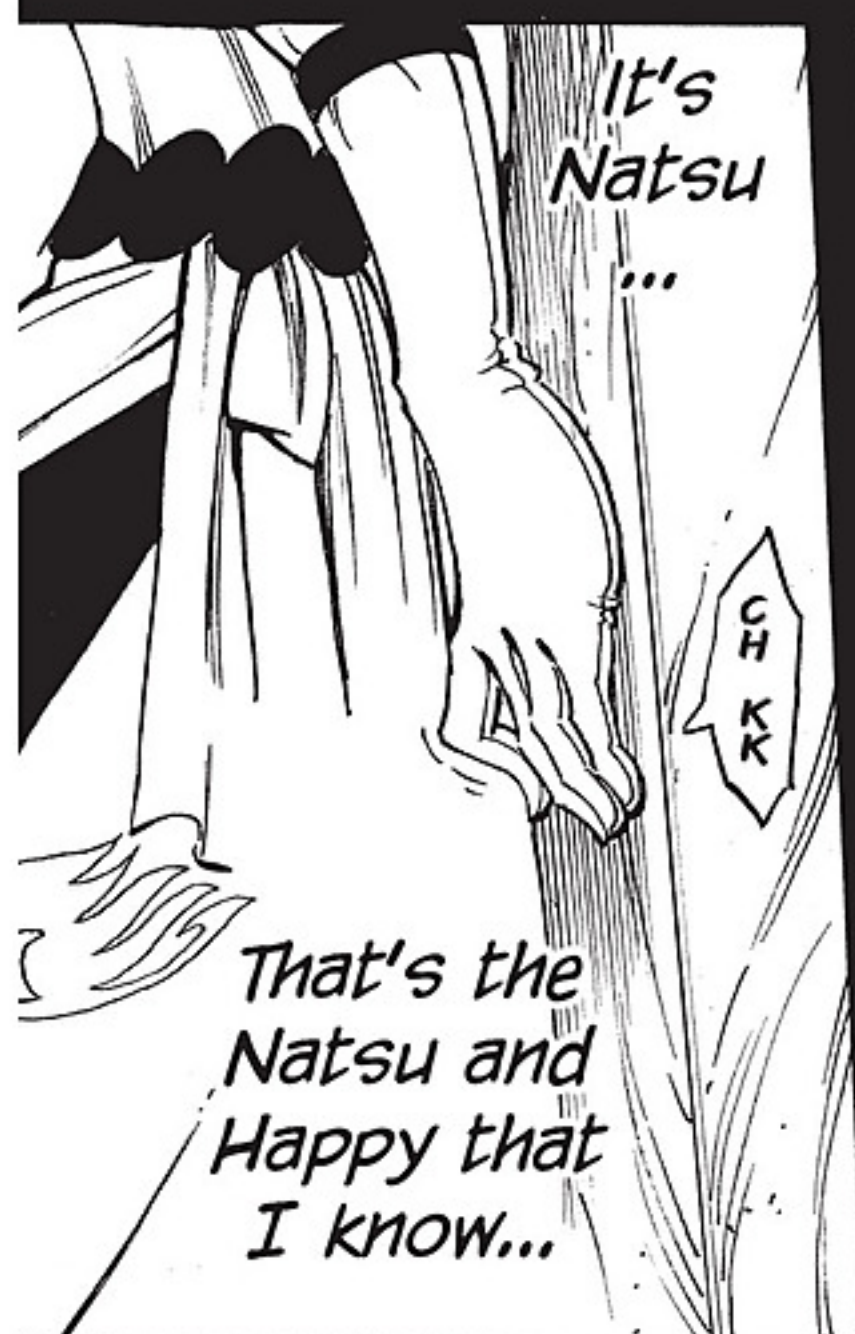
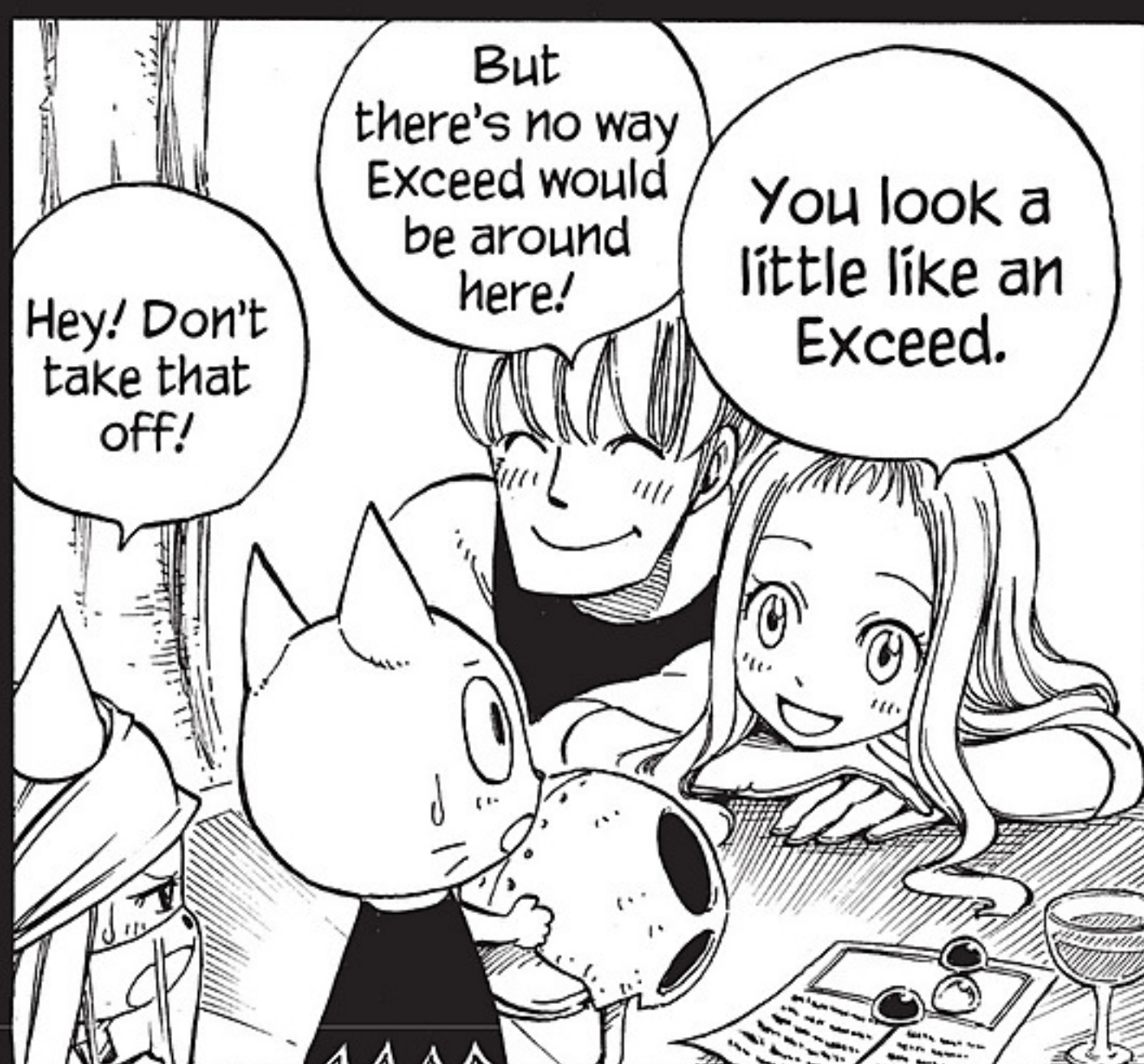
So why
didn't
you tell
us the
truth
back
then
?!!!

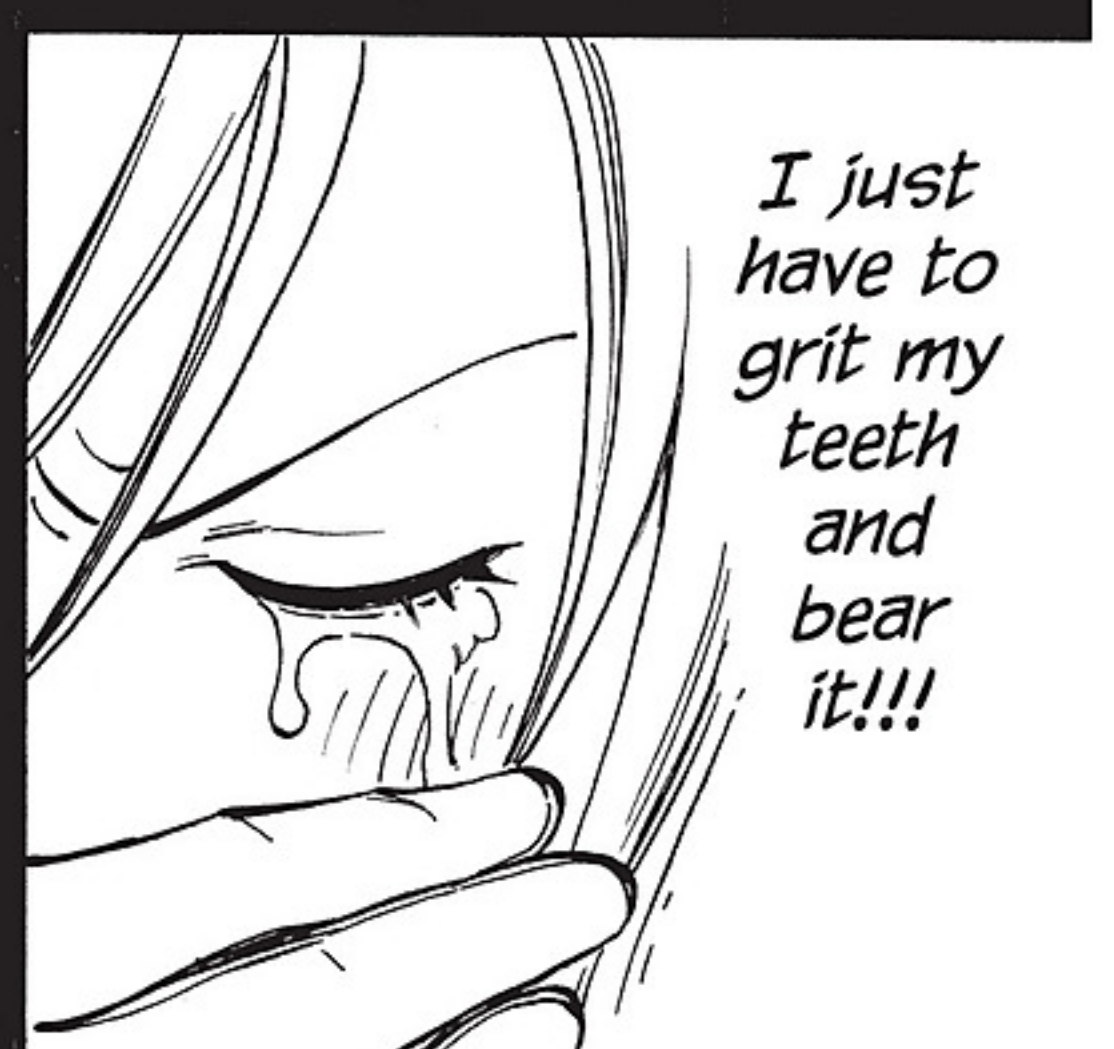
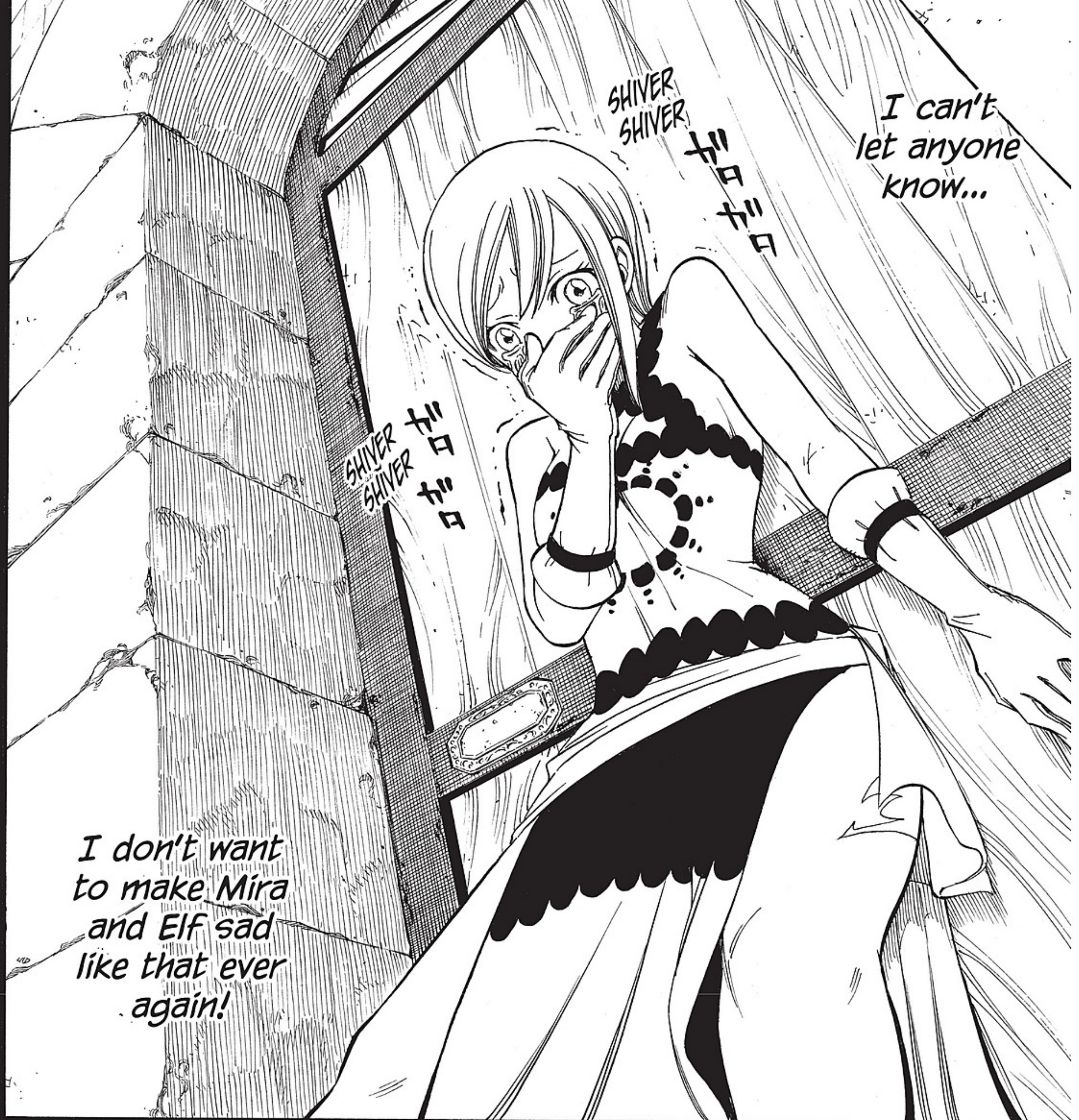


Natsu...?!
Is this the
Natsu I
know?

And
is that
Happy?









...when all
the magic
on Edolas
was sucked
up through
the anima...

And every-
body
from the
other
Fairy
Tail!!!!

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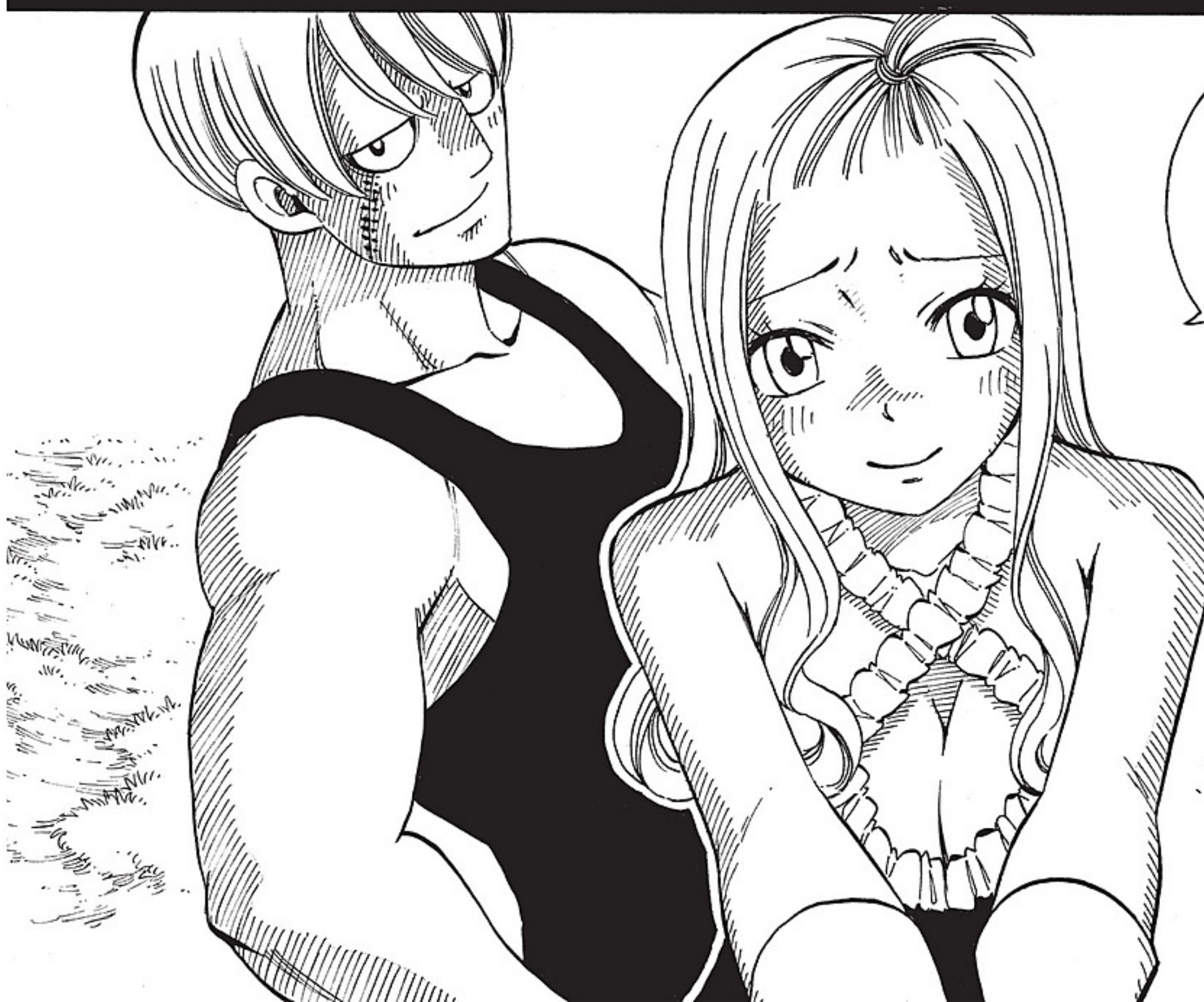
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Bye-
bye,
Edo-
Lucy
!!!!

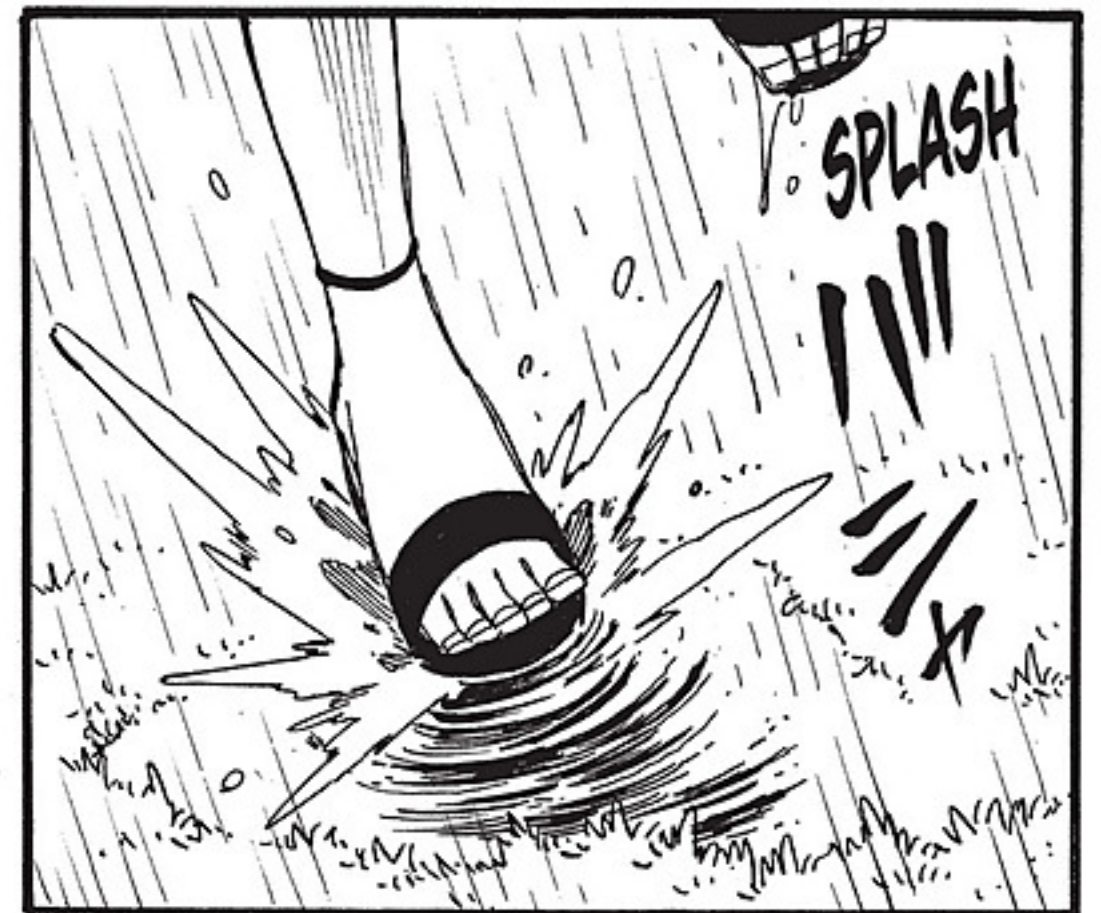
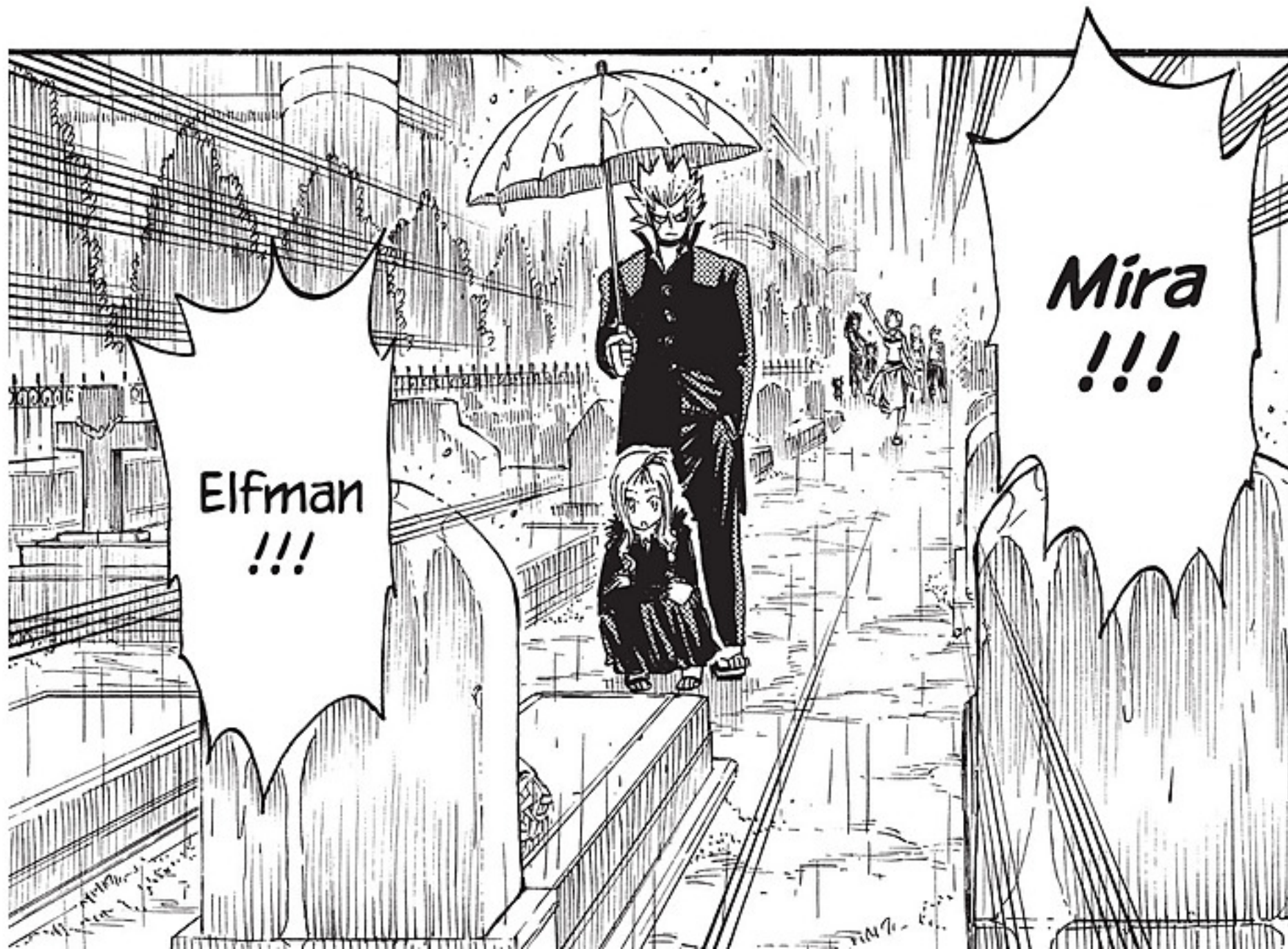
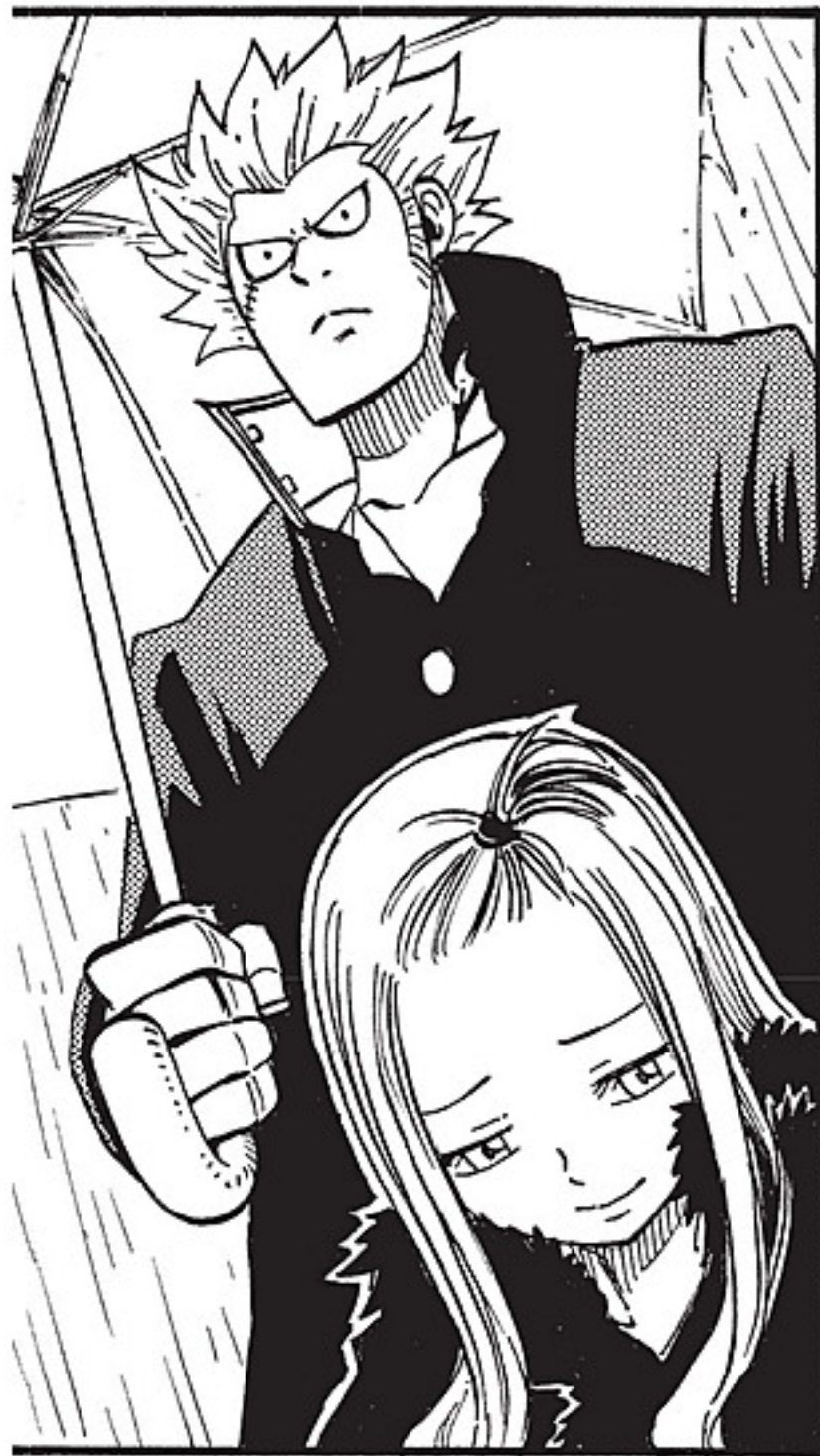
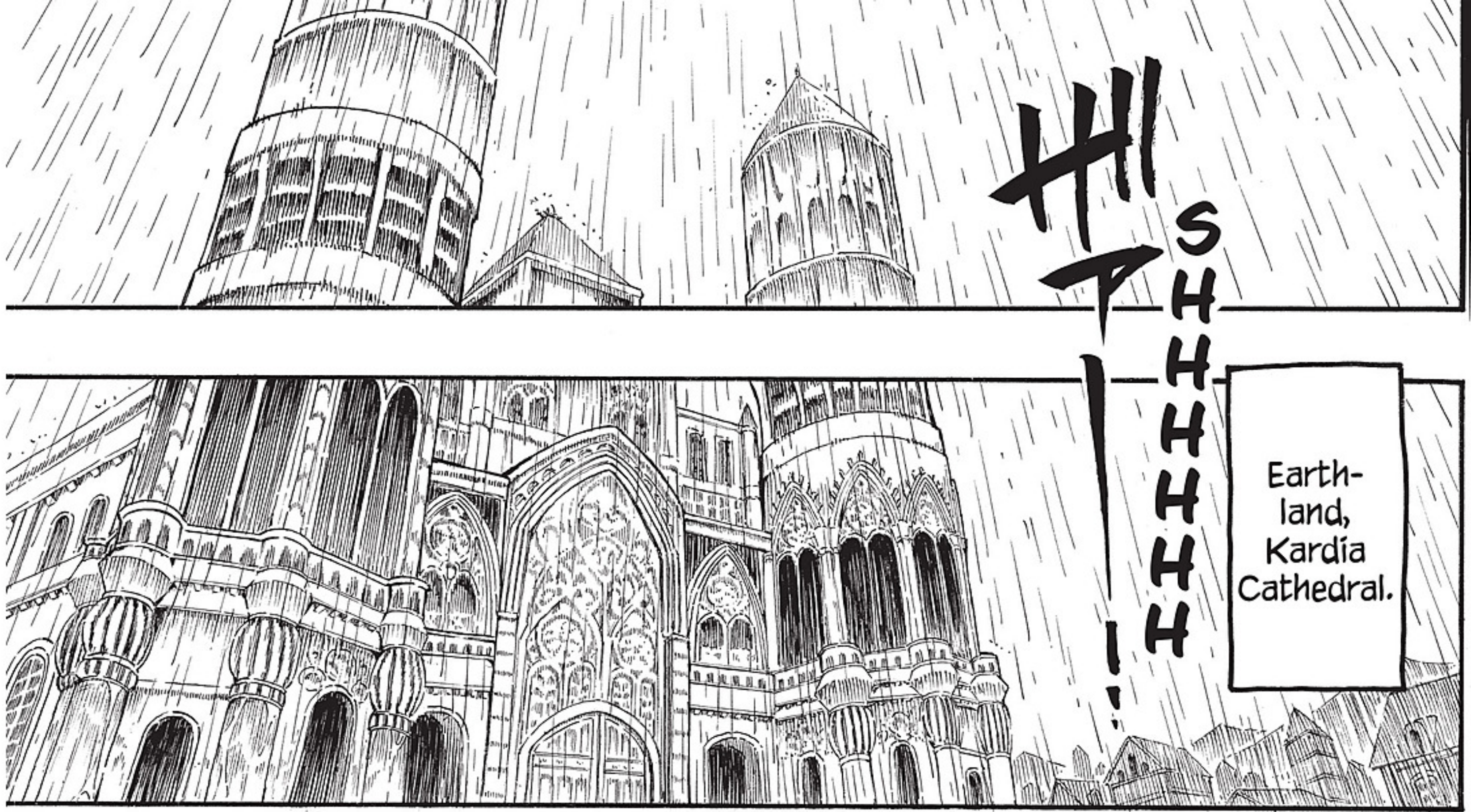
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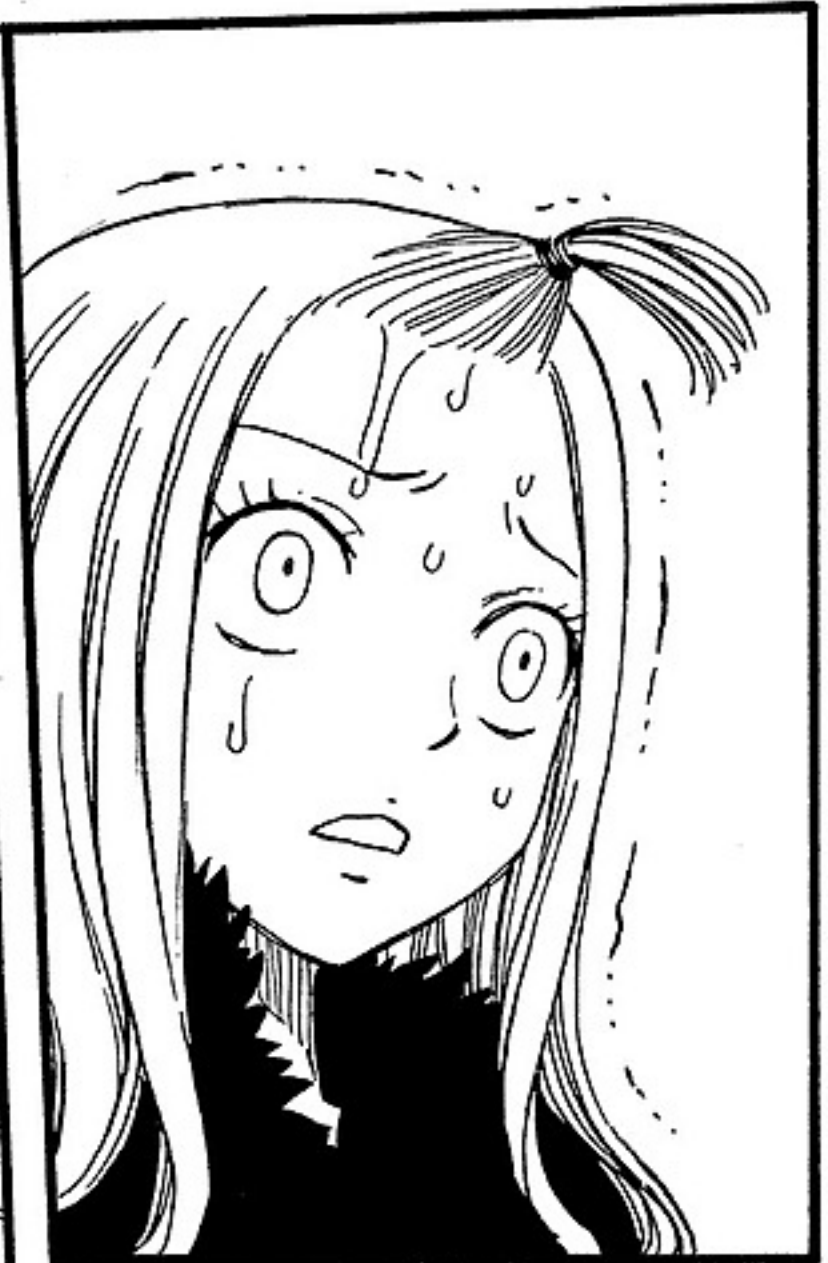
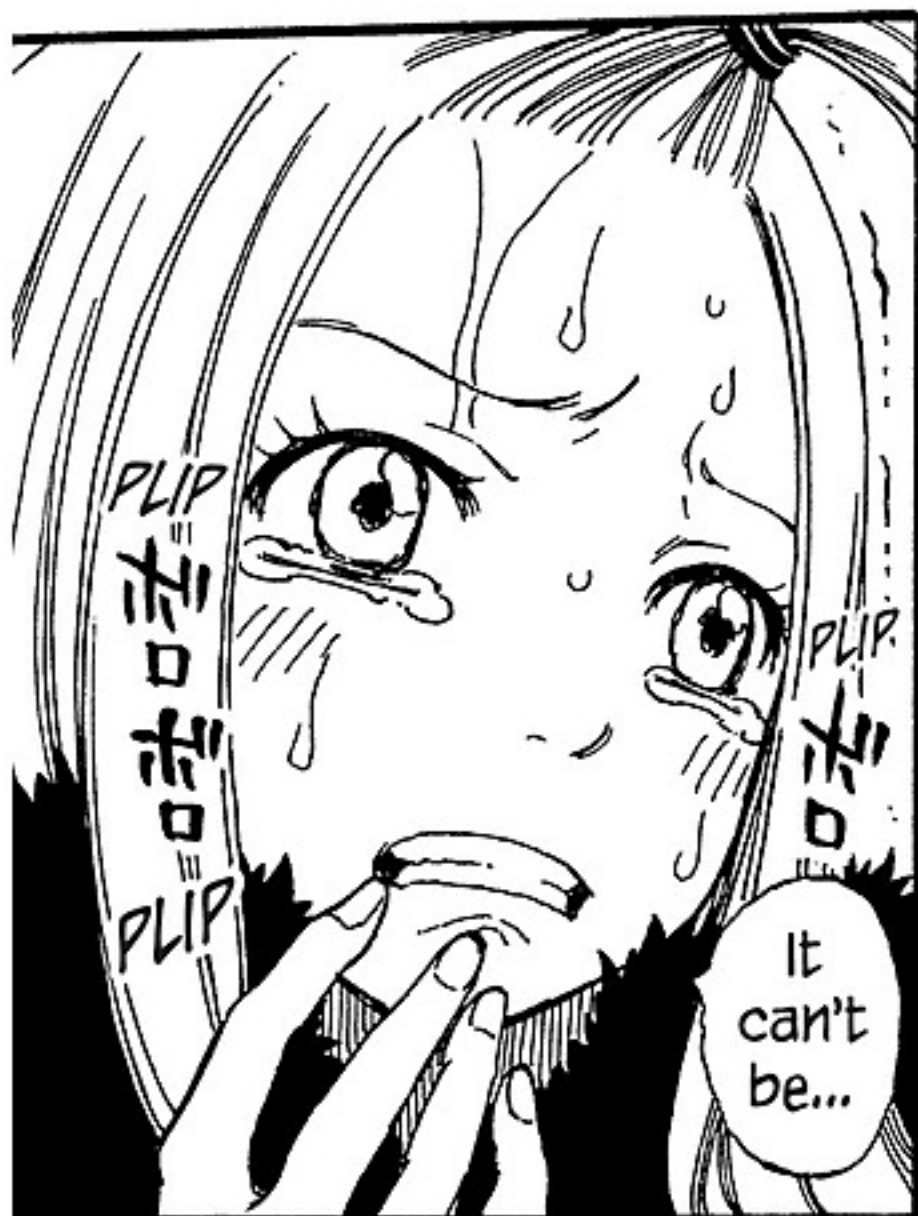
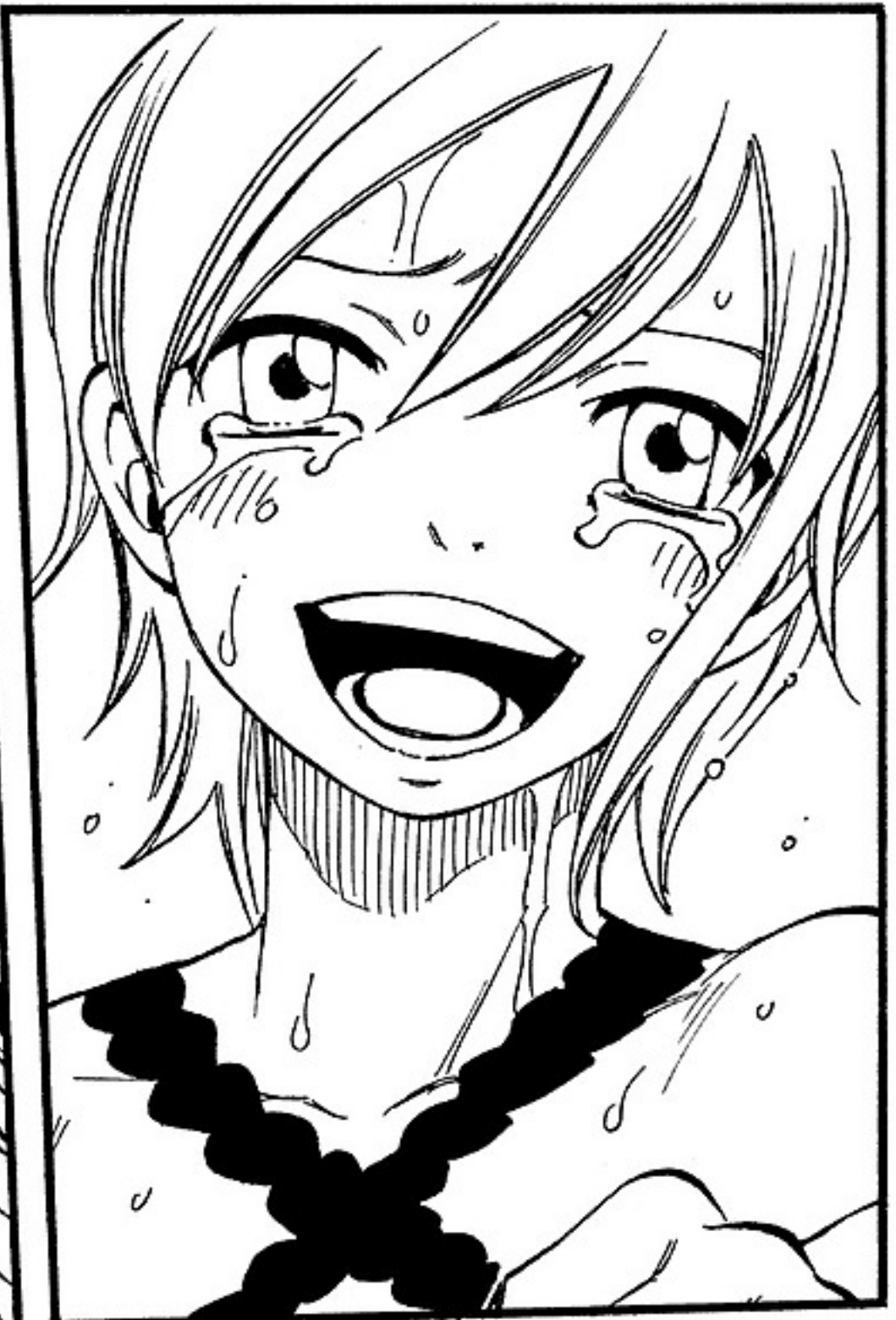
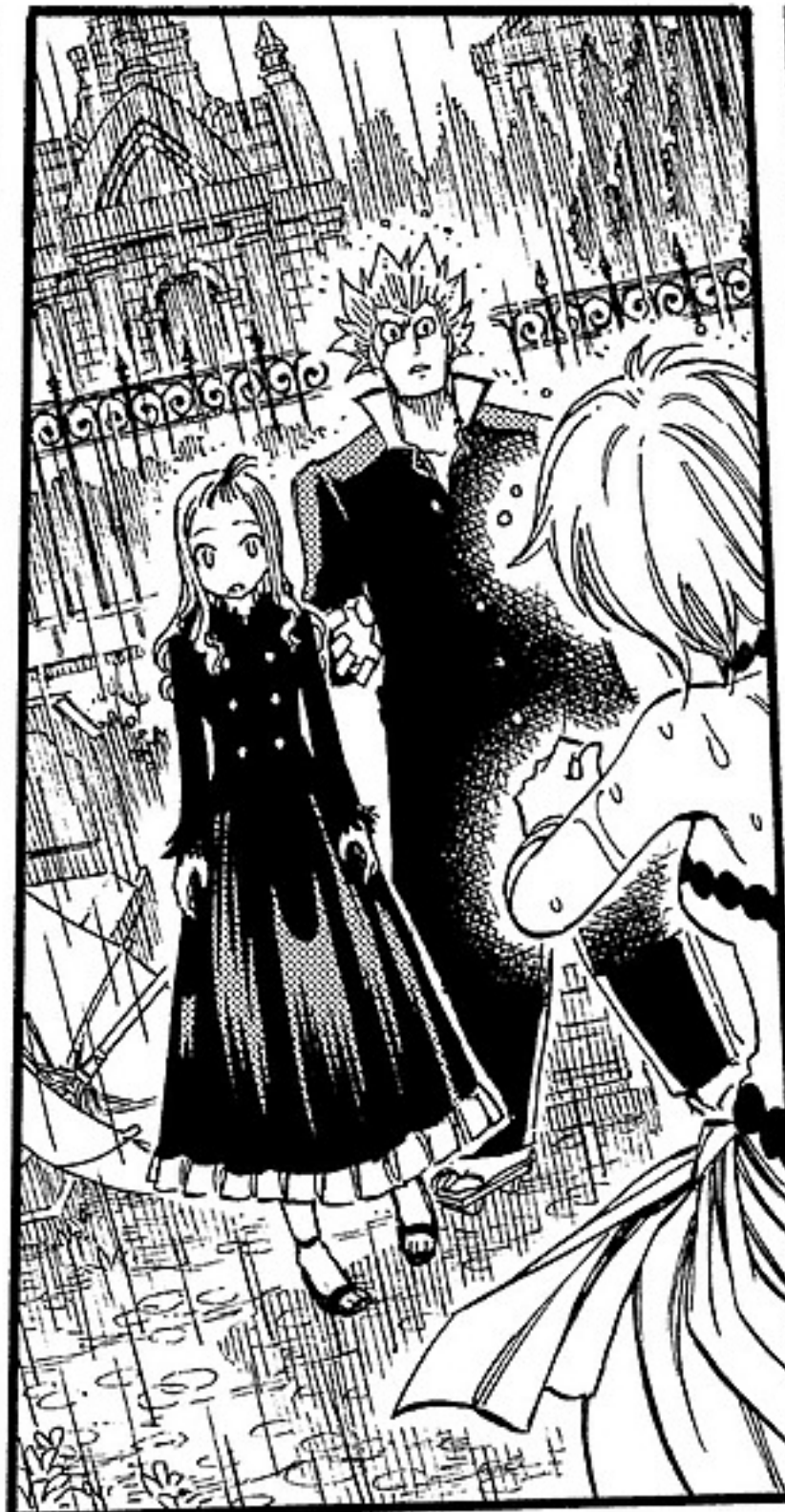
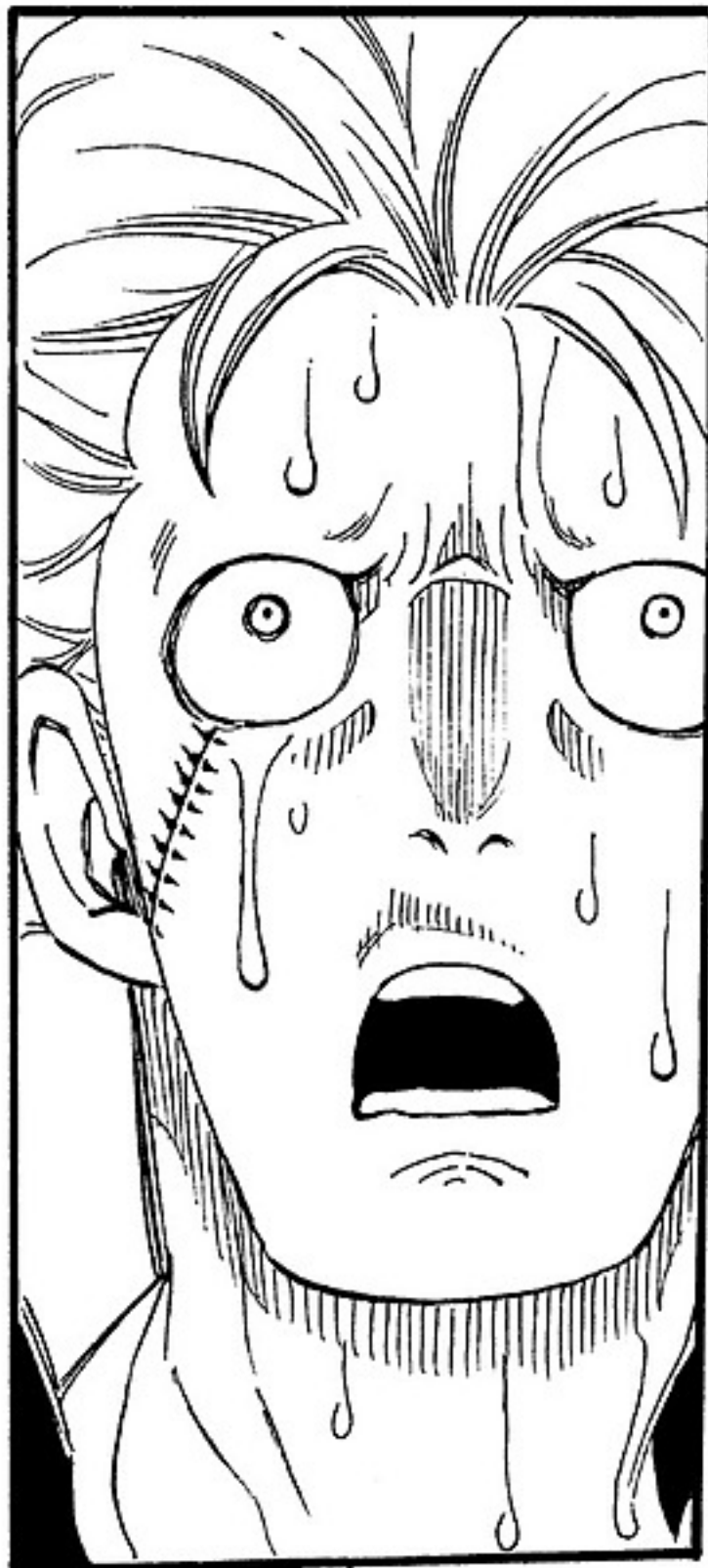


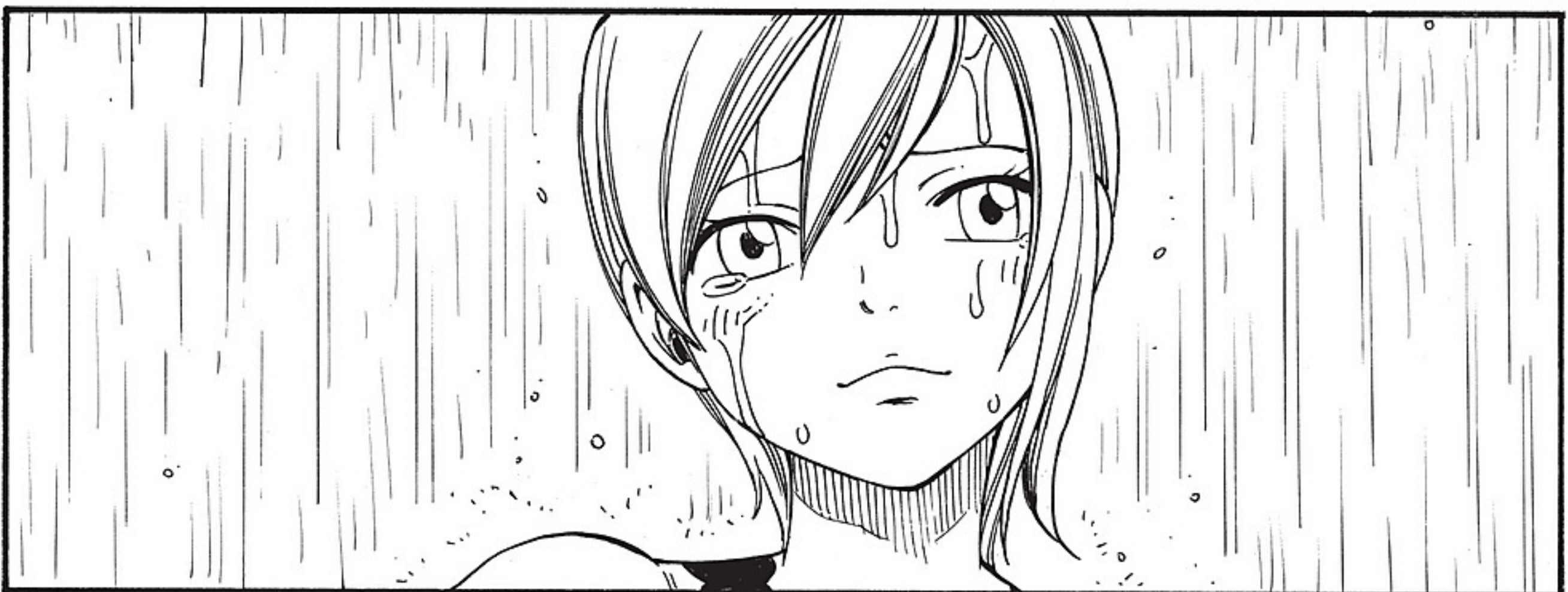
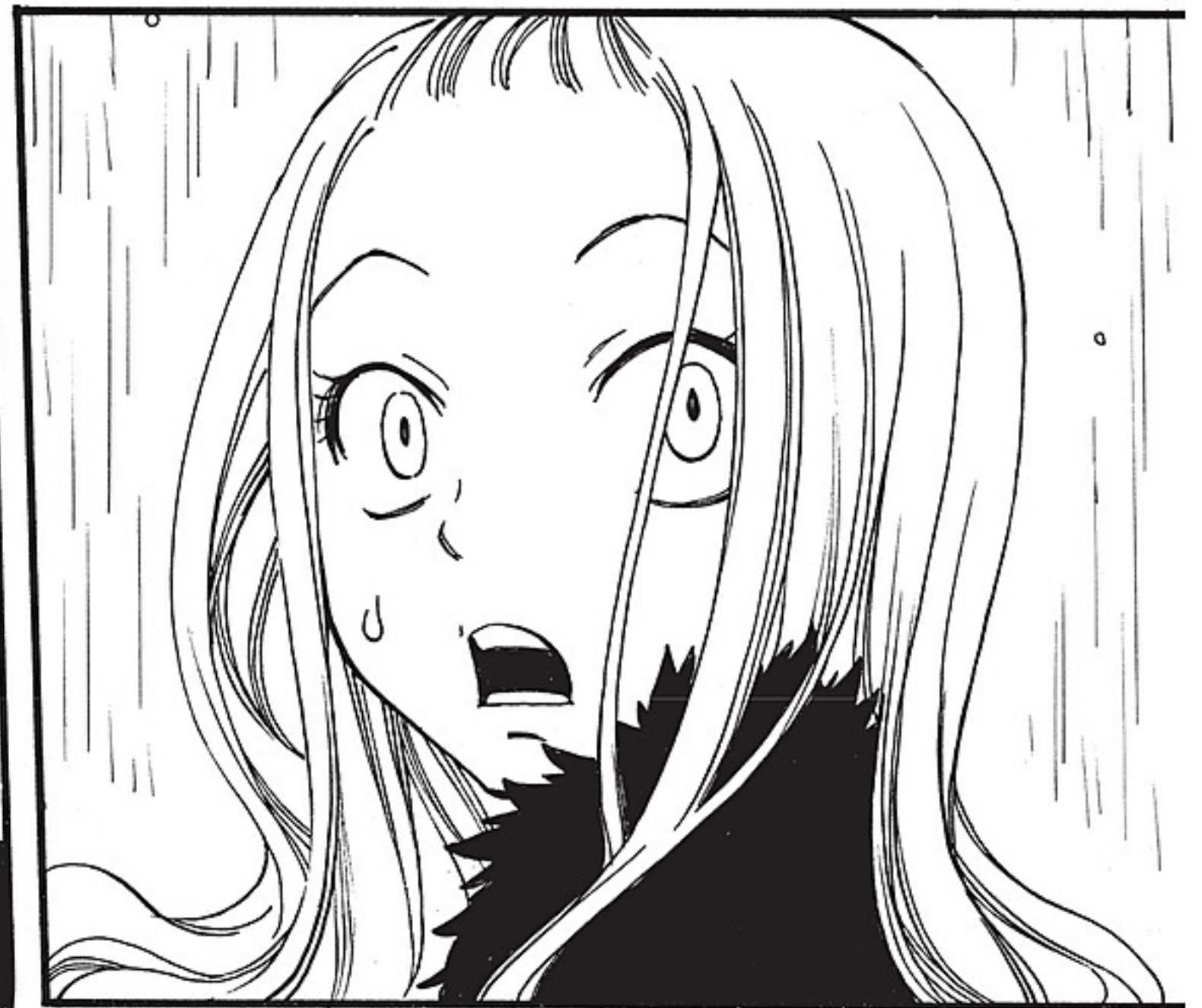
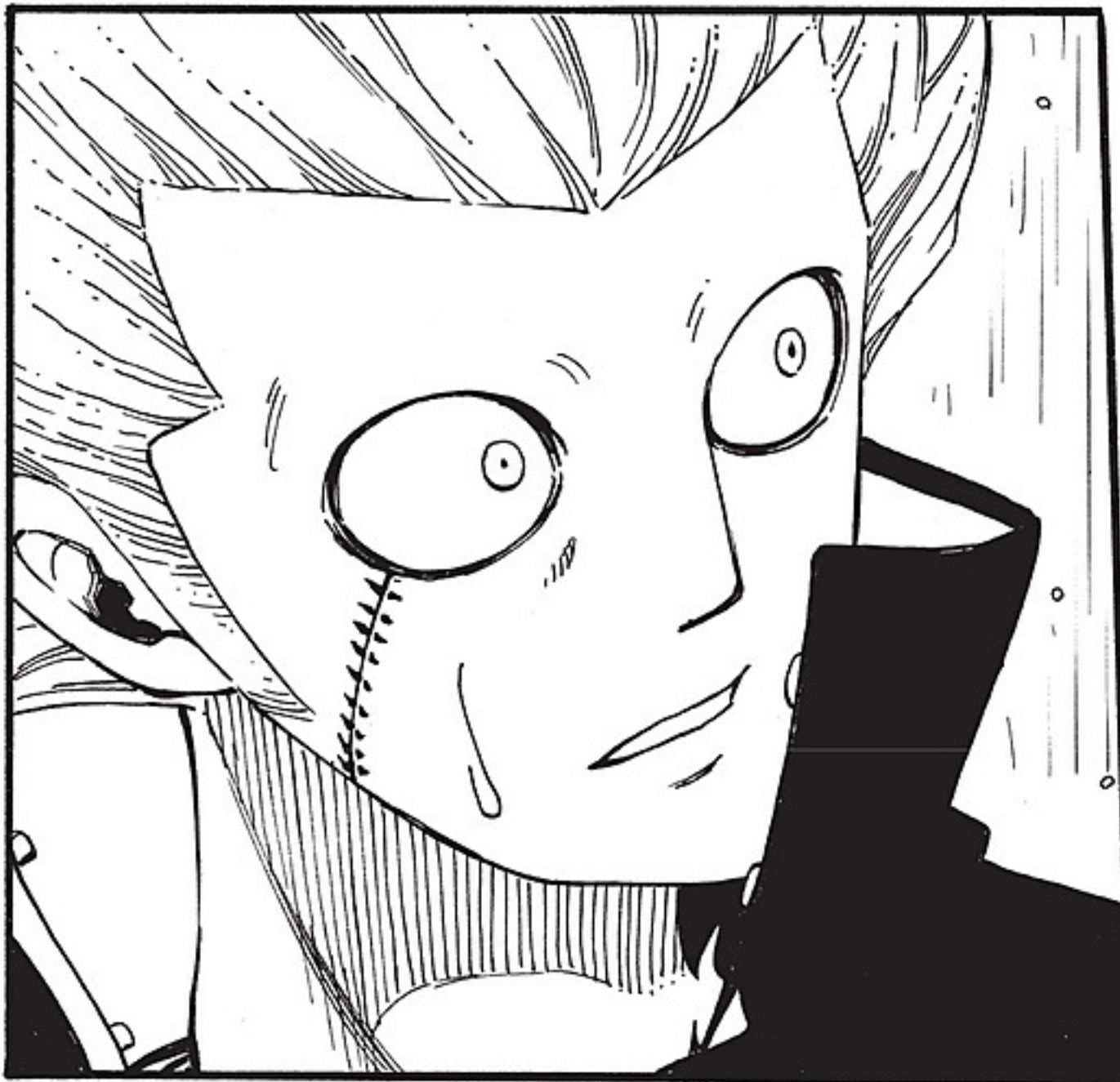
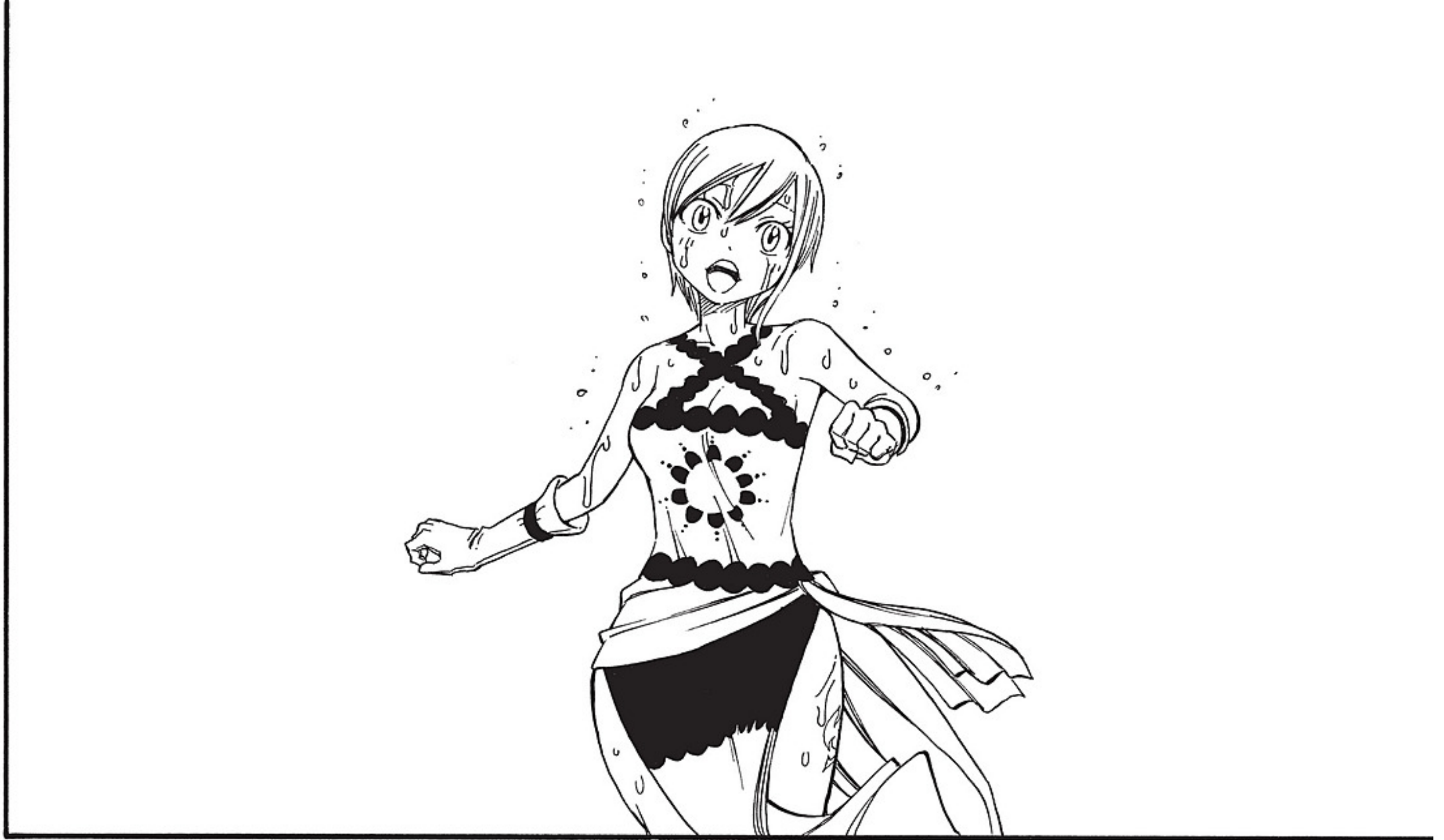
...since I was
originally
from Earth-
land too, I...

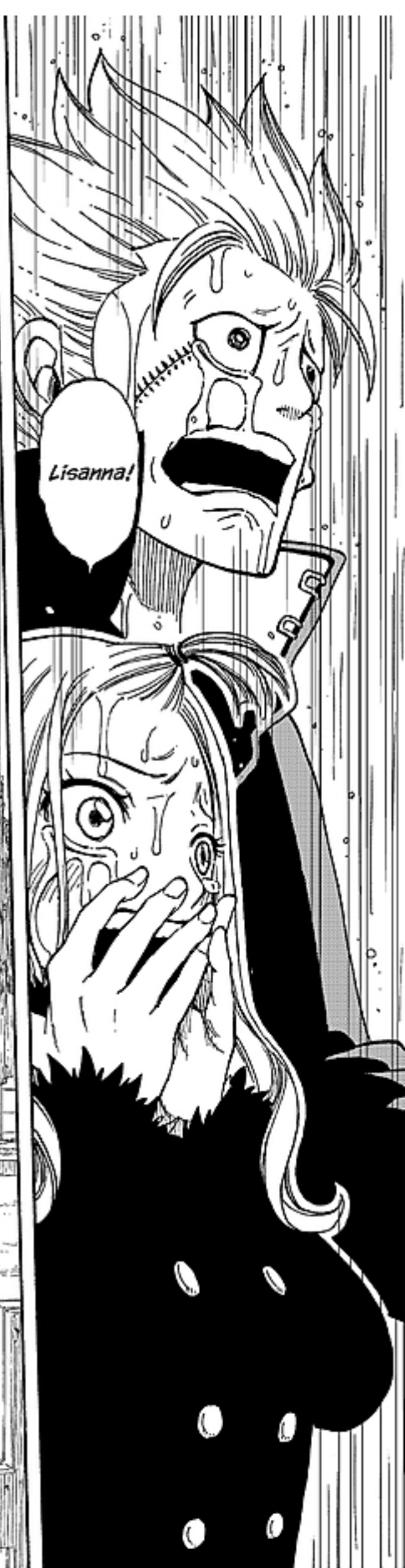
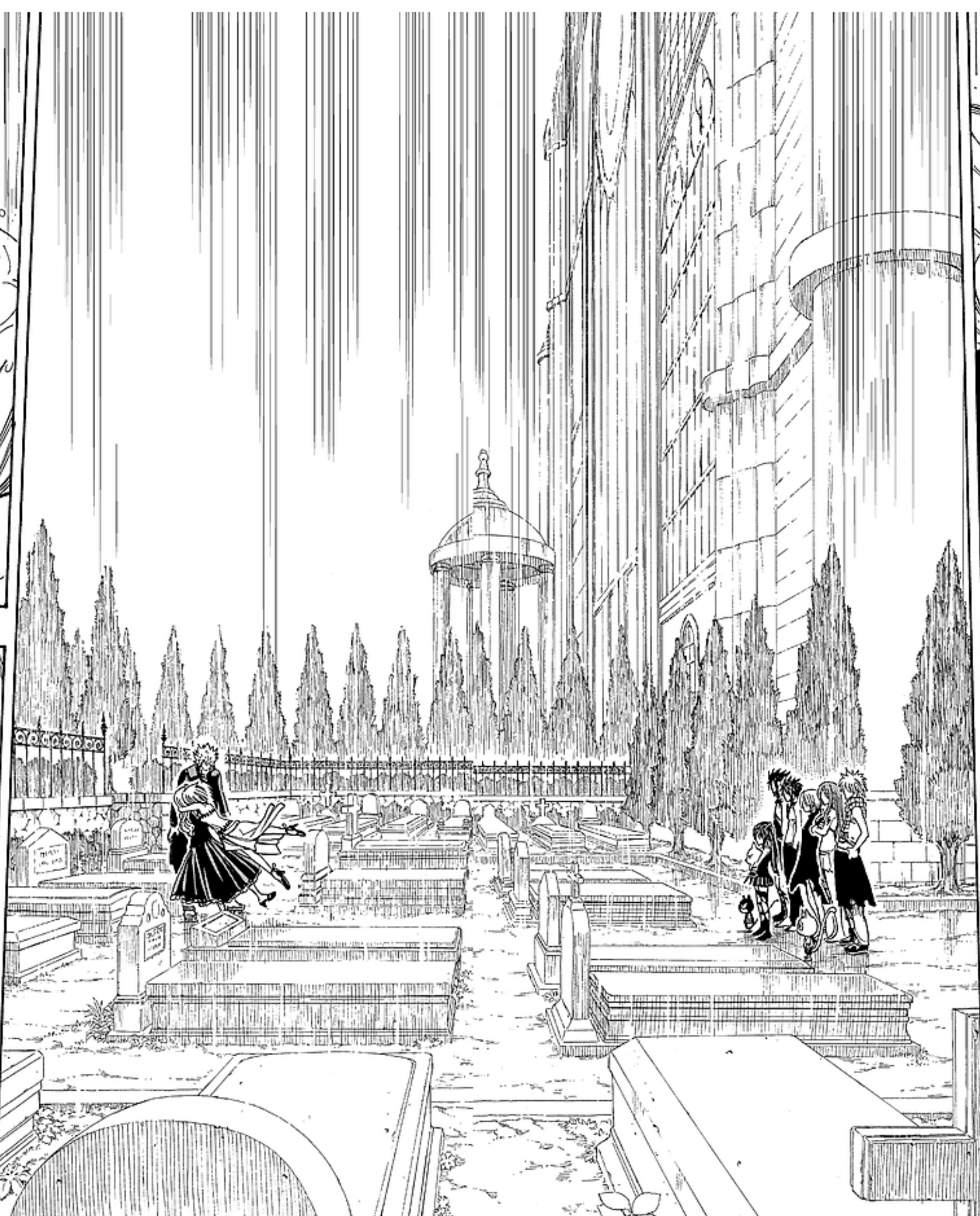
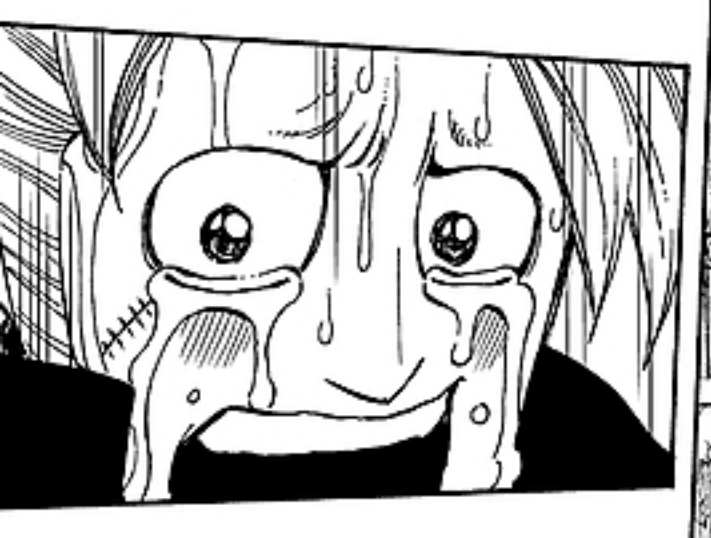


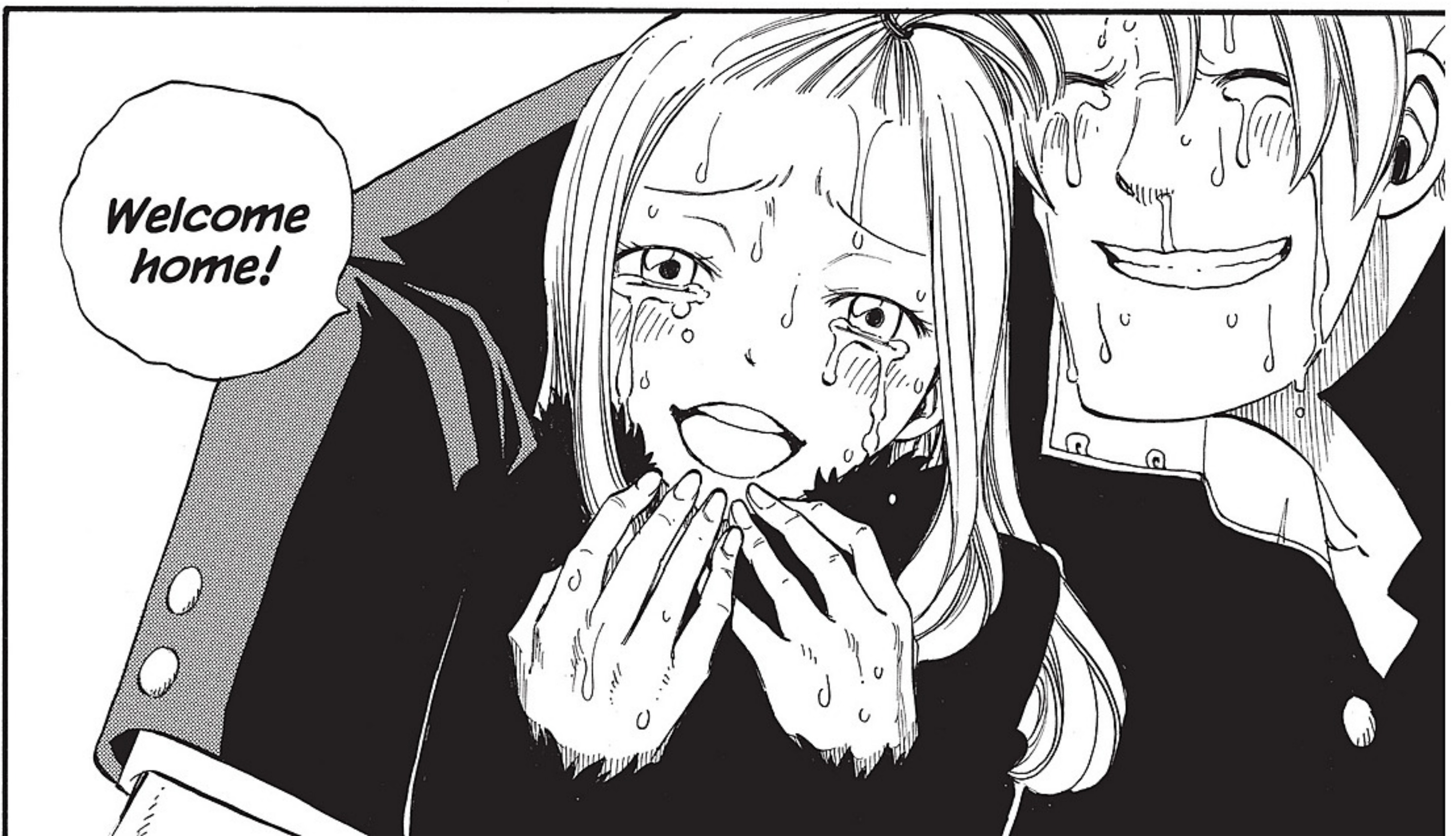
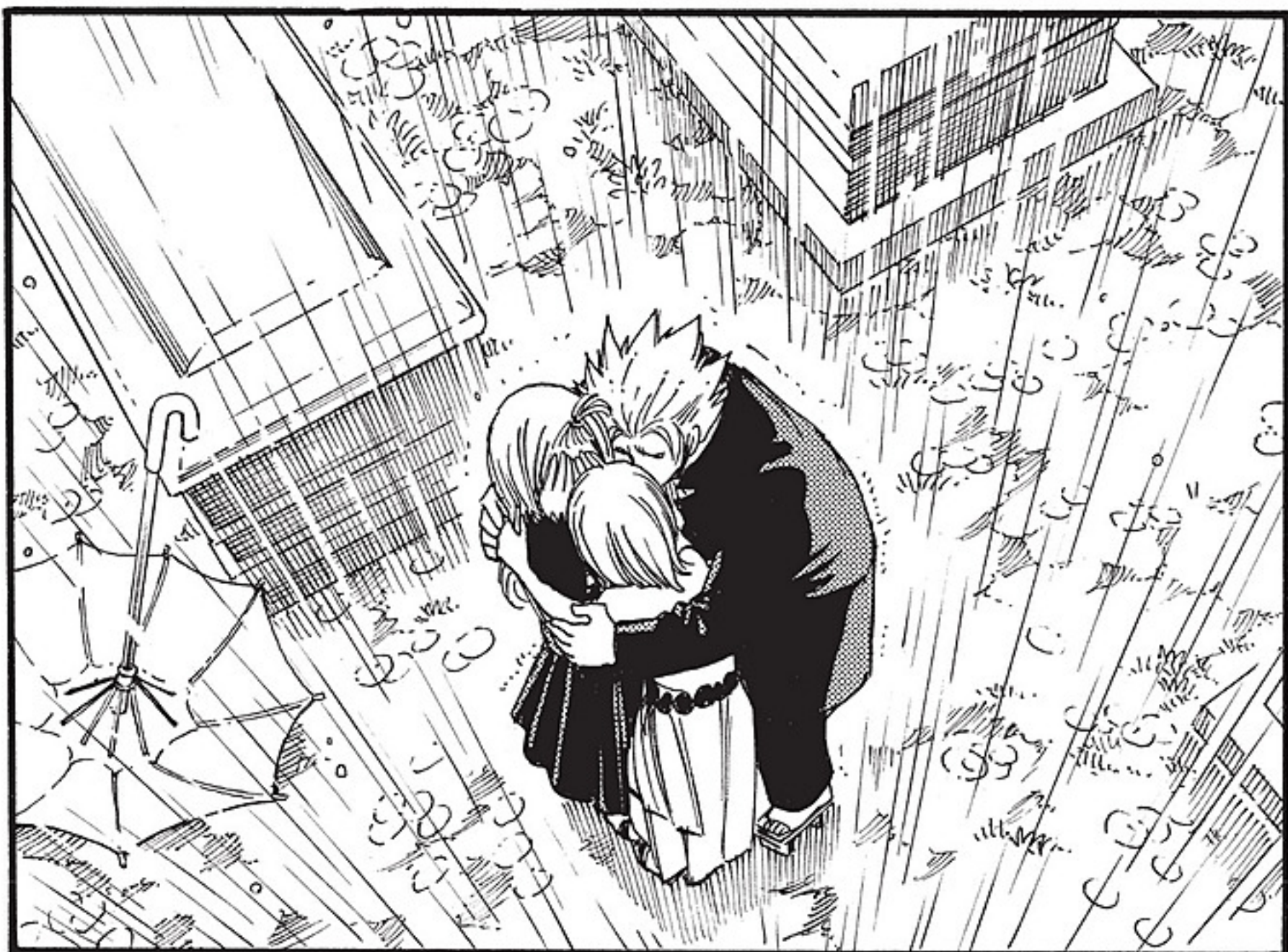
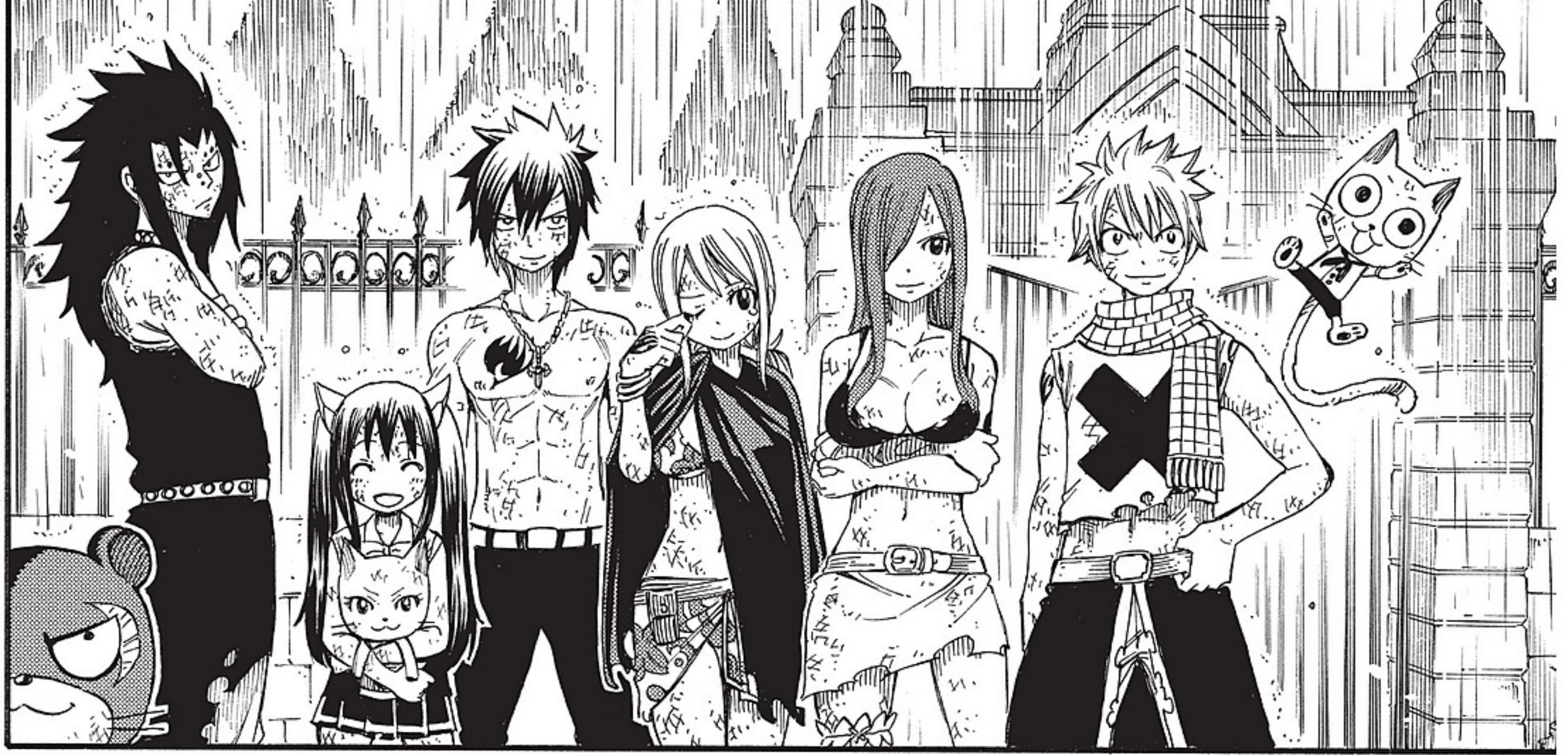
It's all
right... We
already
knew.

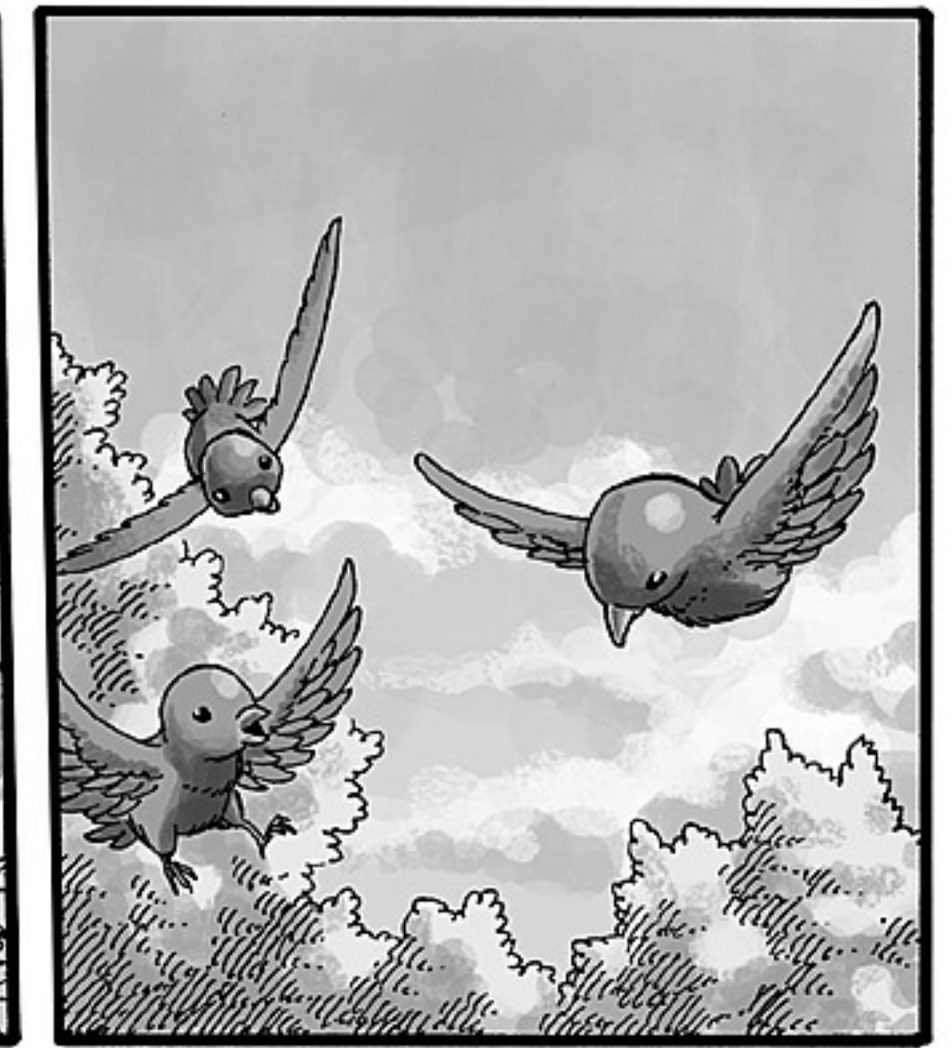
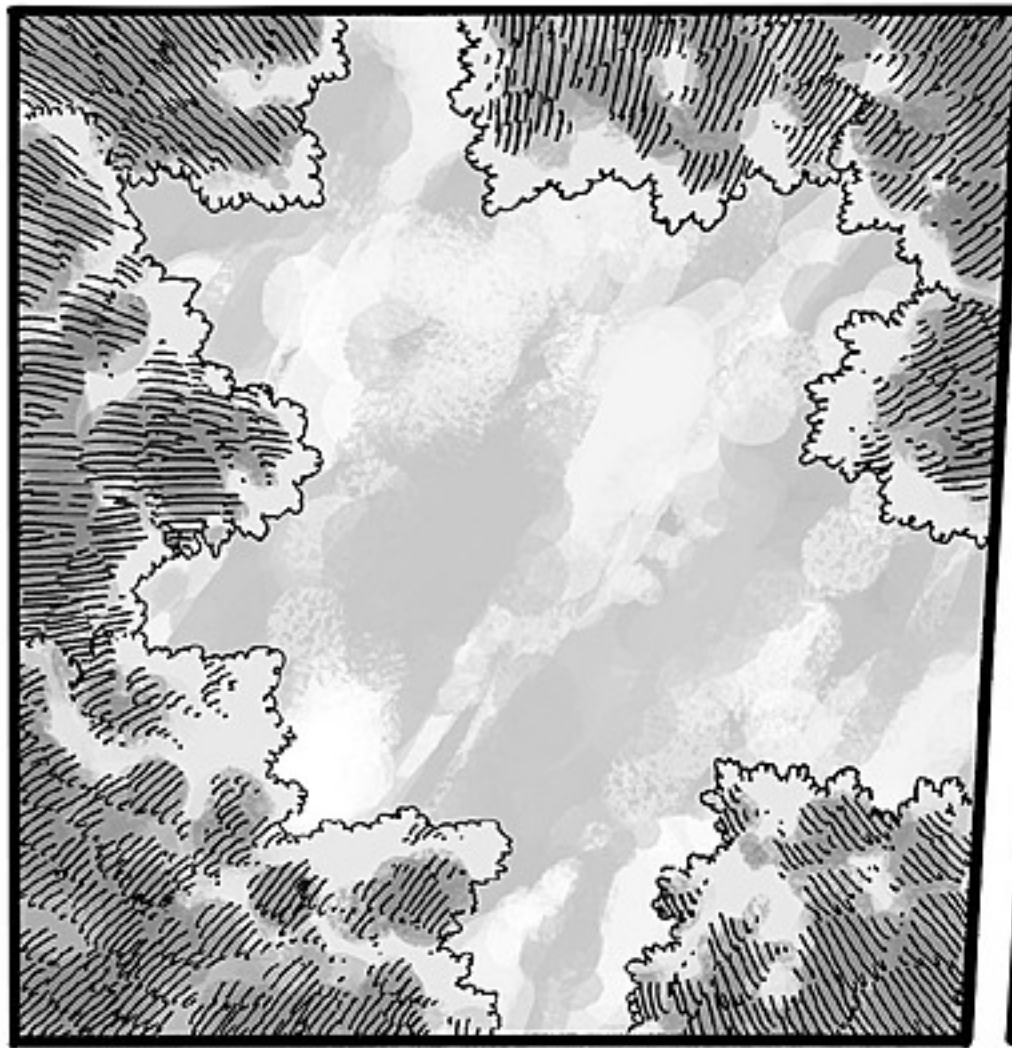
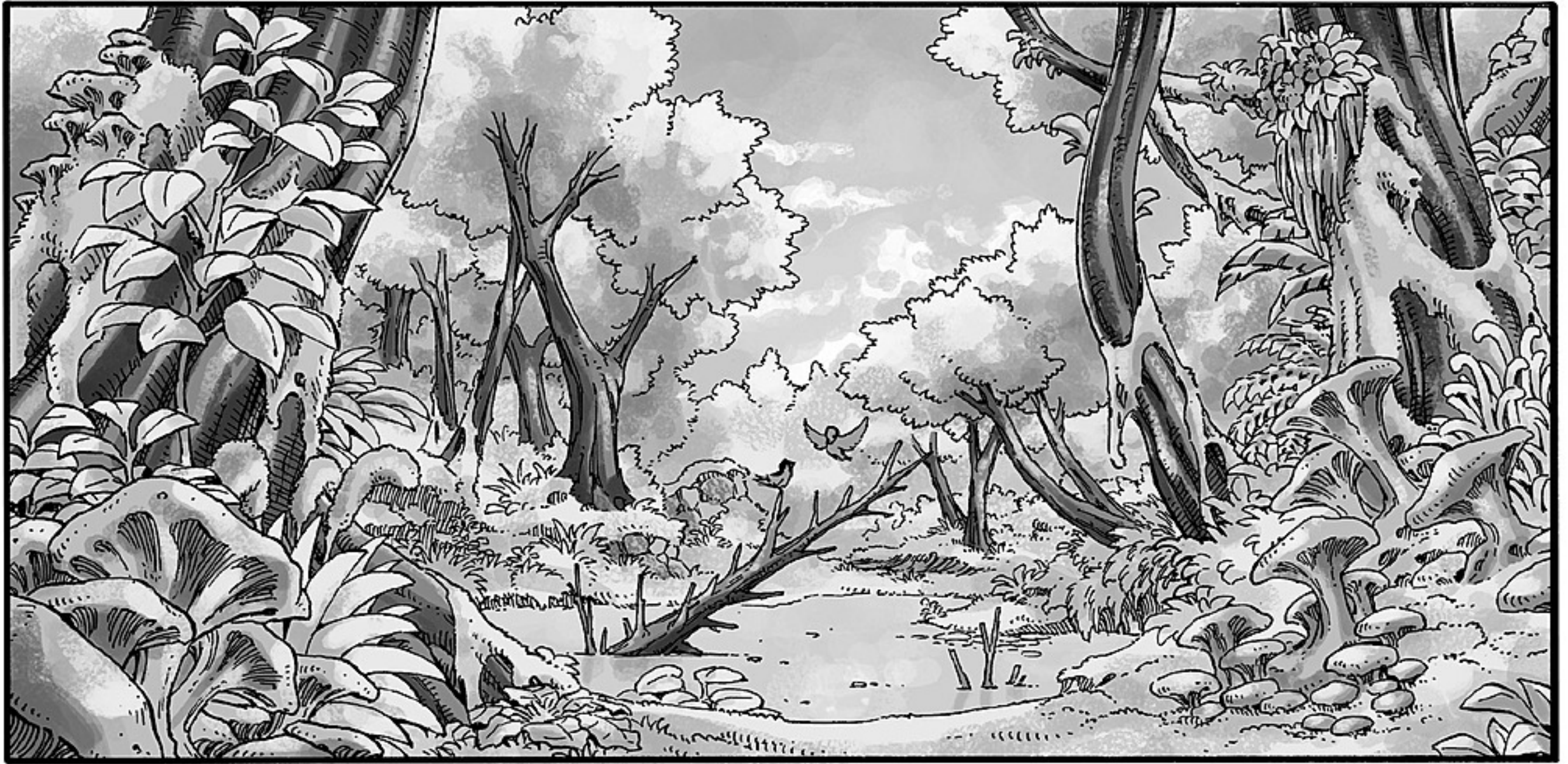










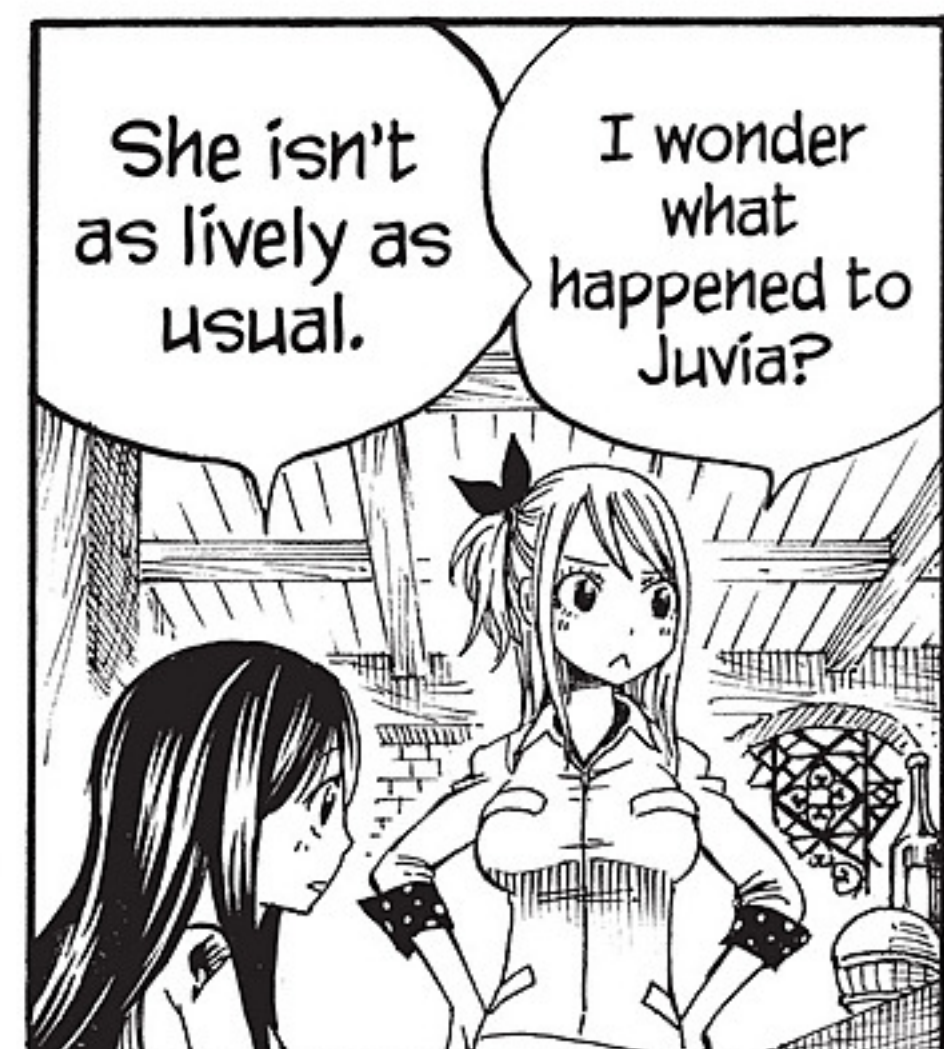
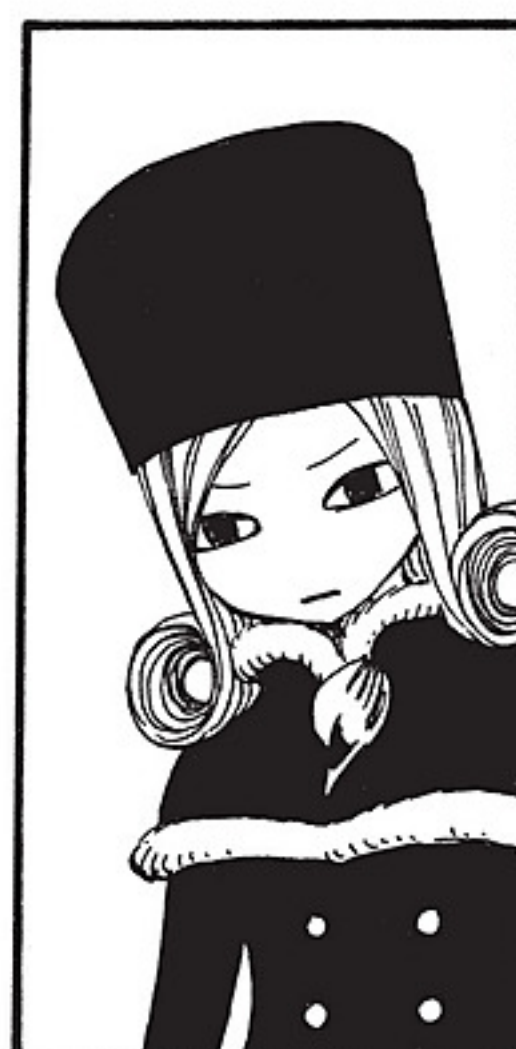
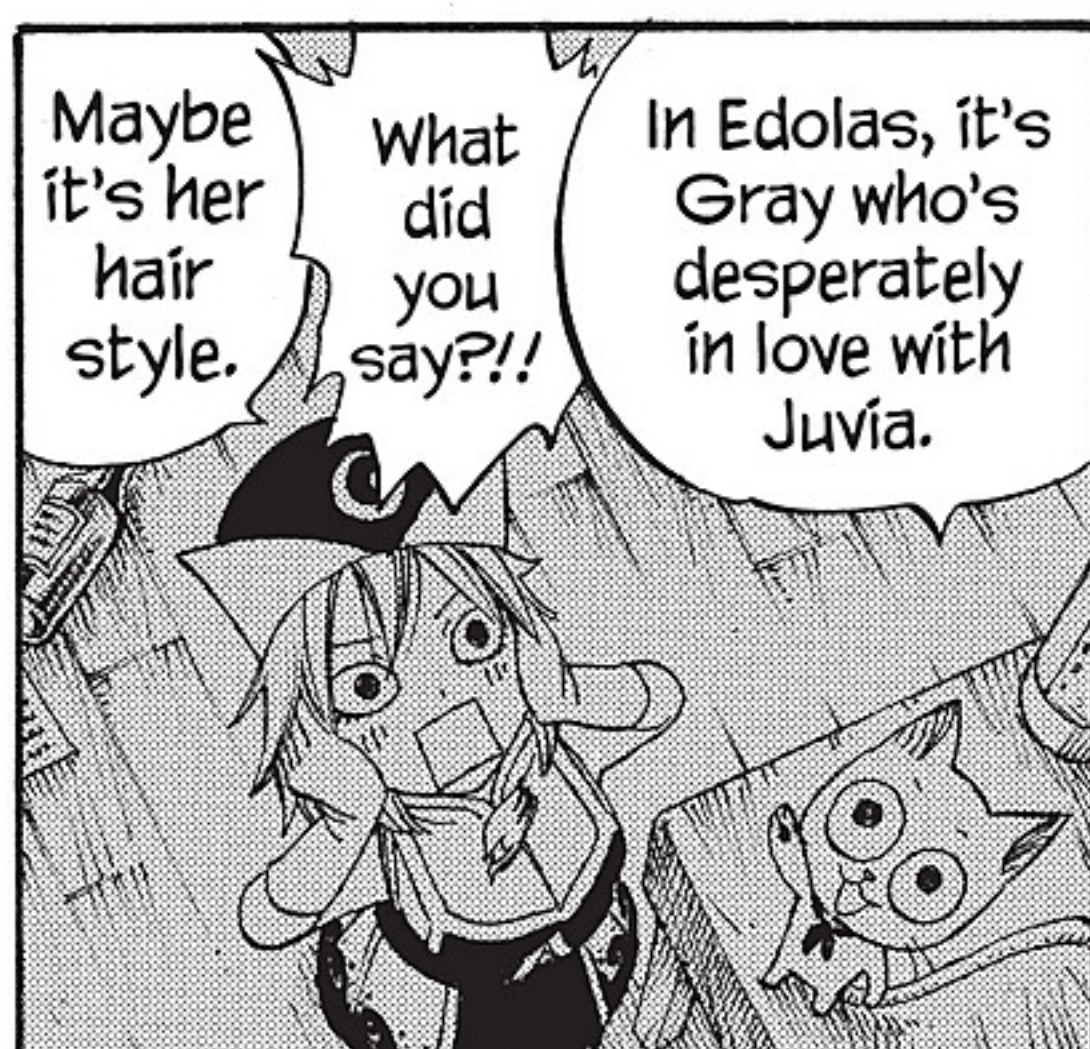
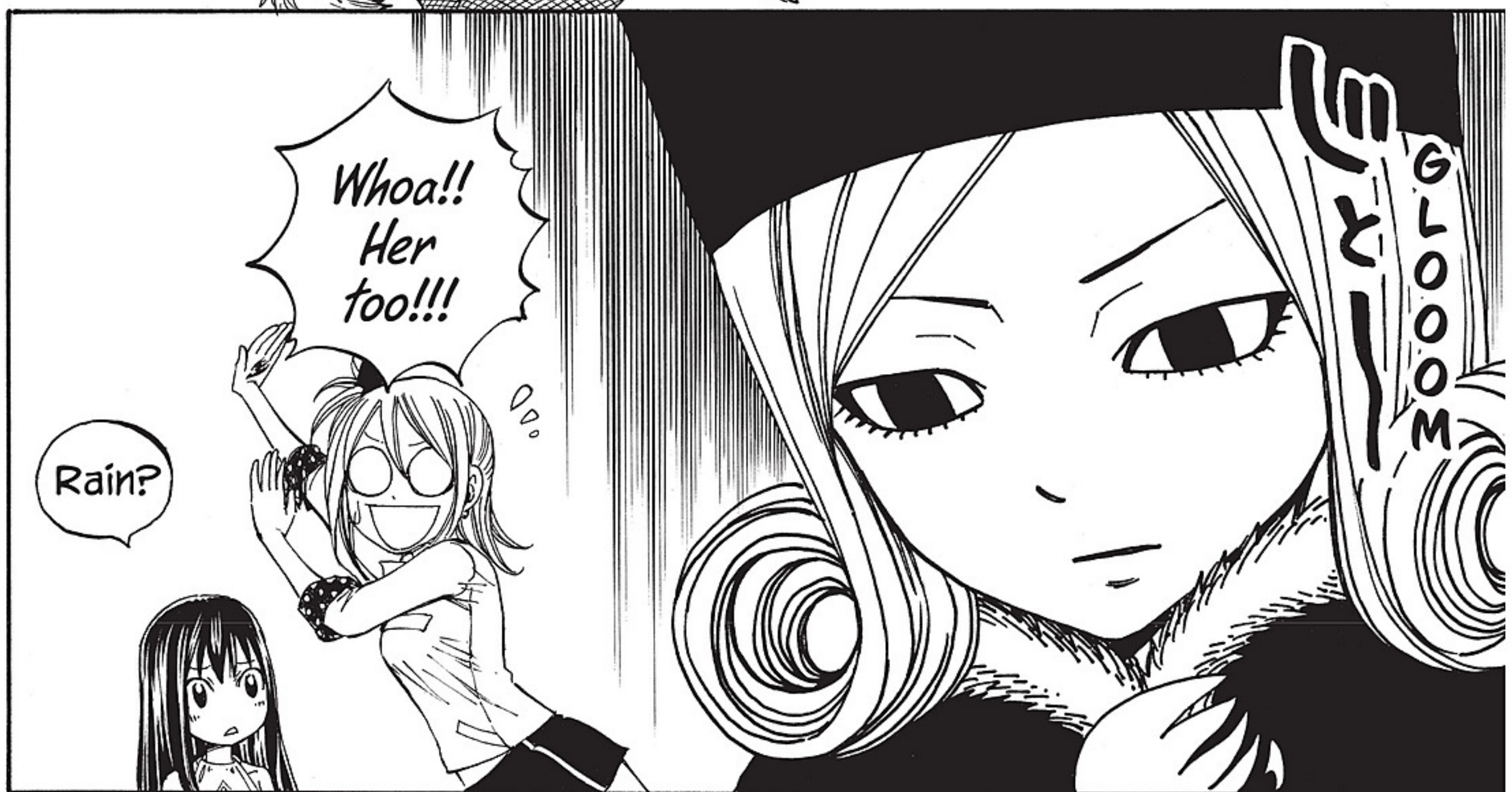
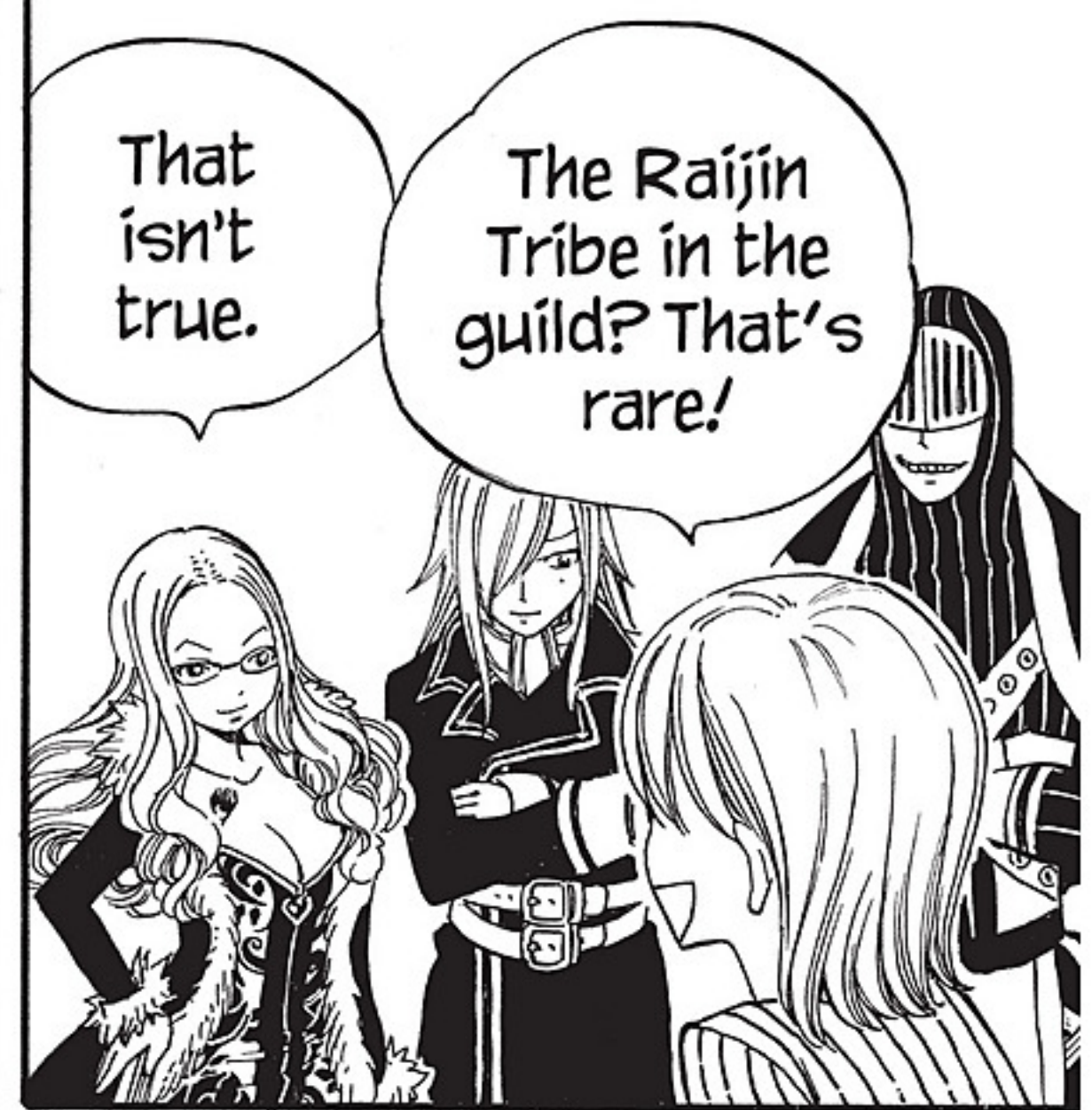
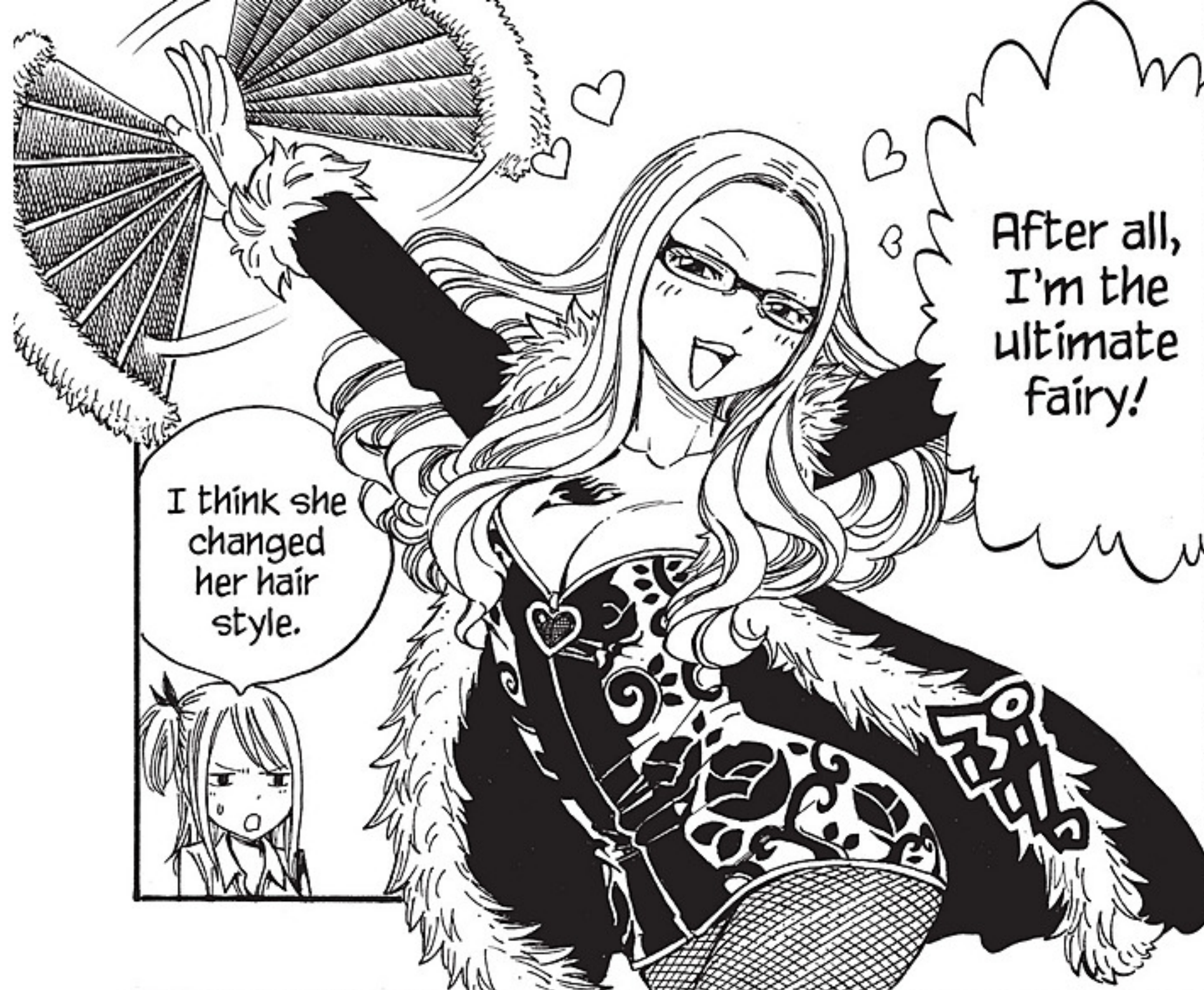


Chapter 200: He Who Snuffs Out Life





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So that's it...?

Juvia wants to go to Edolas!!



Oh, just say it!! I can't enjoy my liquor until you do!!

The "you" over there was... PBT! Forget it. I can't say it without laughing.



Was the Natsu over there like this guy?

Don't go on a rampage, Natsu!!

Aw, shut up!!

Yeah, this guild is the absolute best!!!!

If so, my deepest sympathies for them...



I wanna see that! I really wanna see that!!

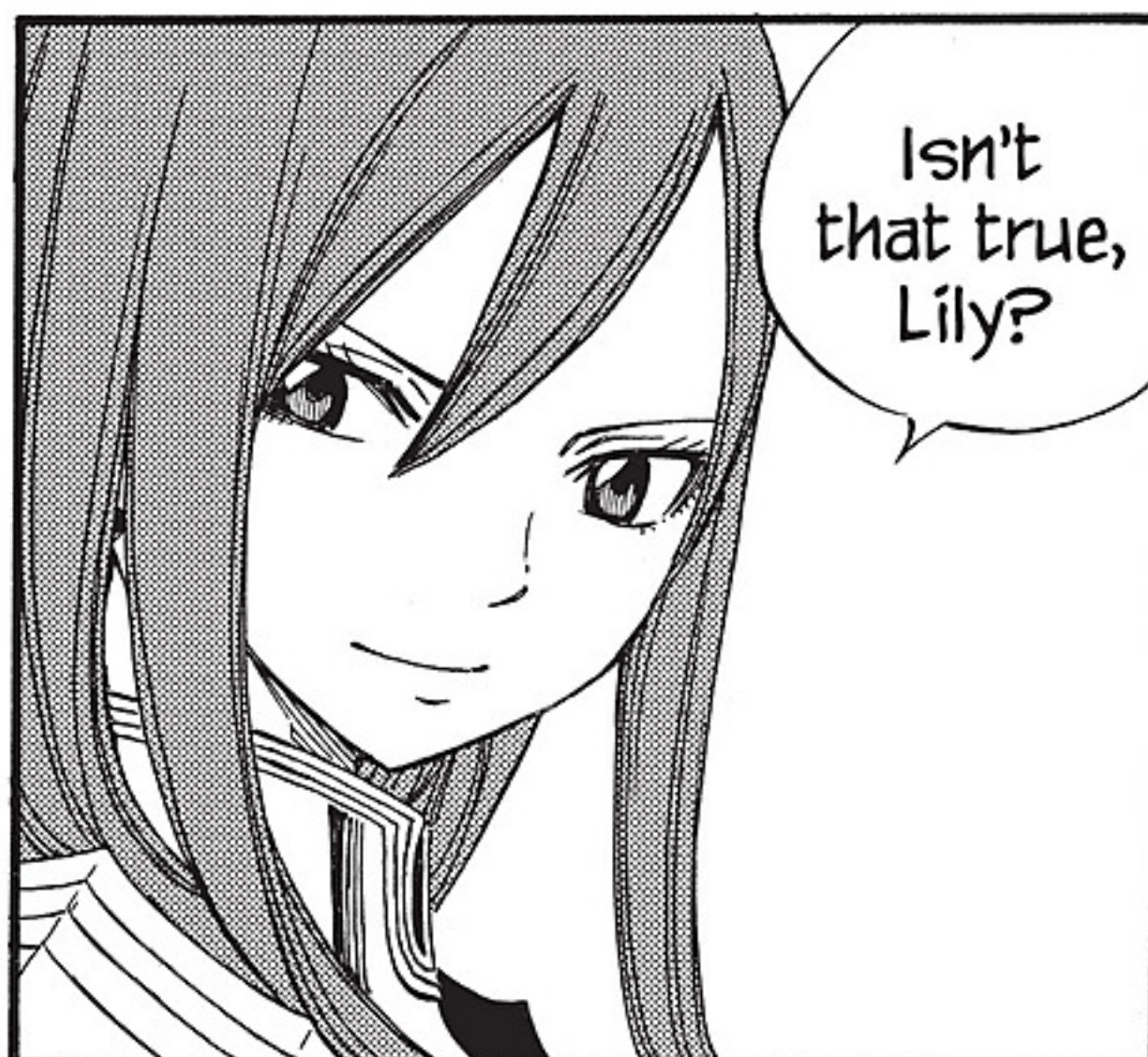
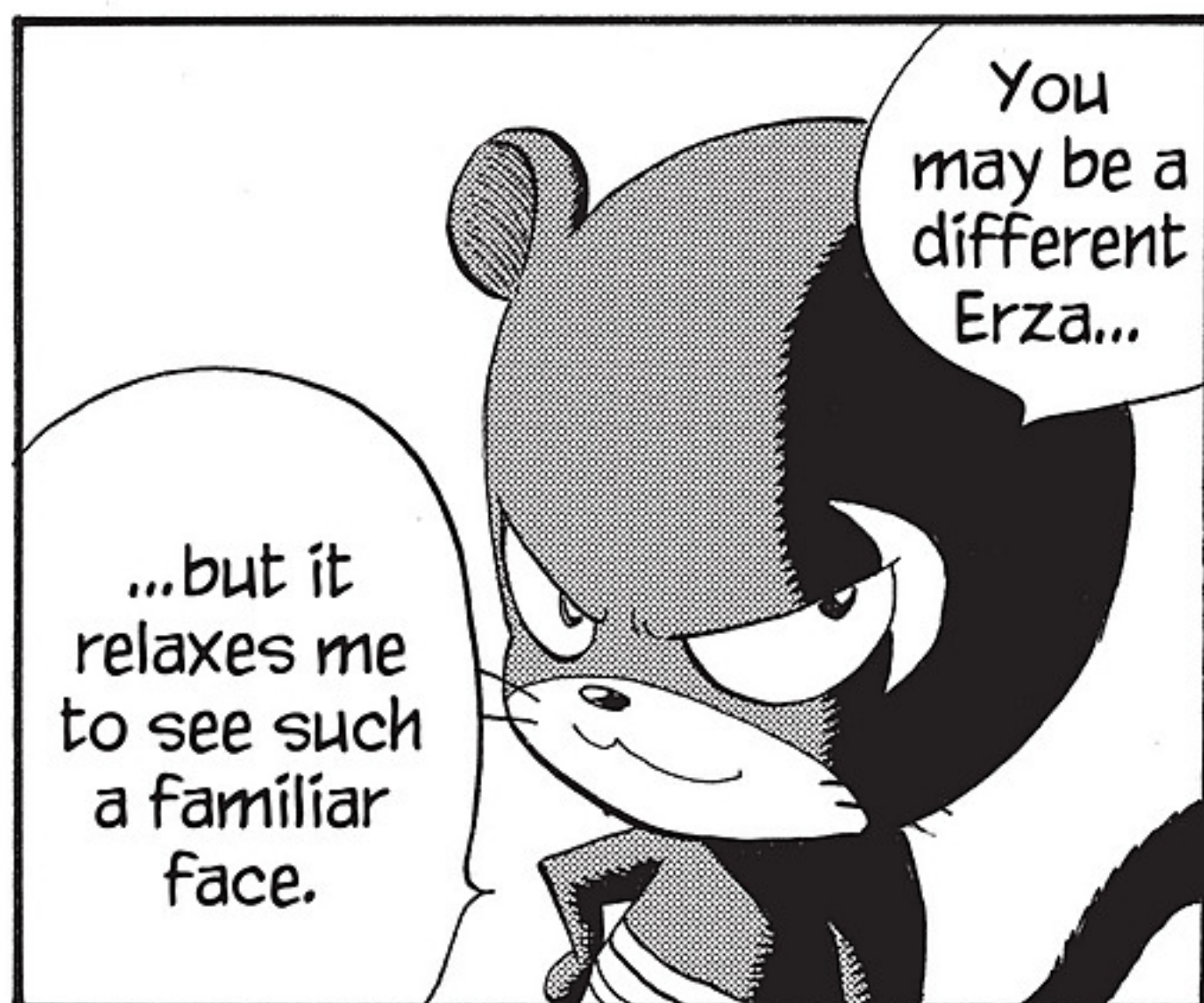
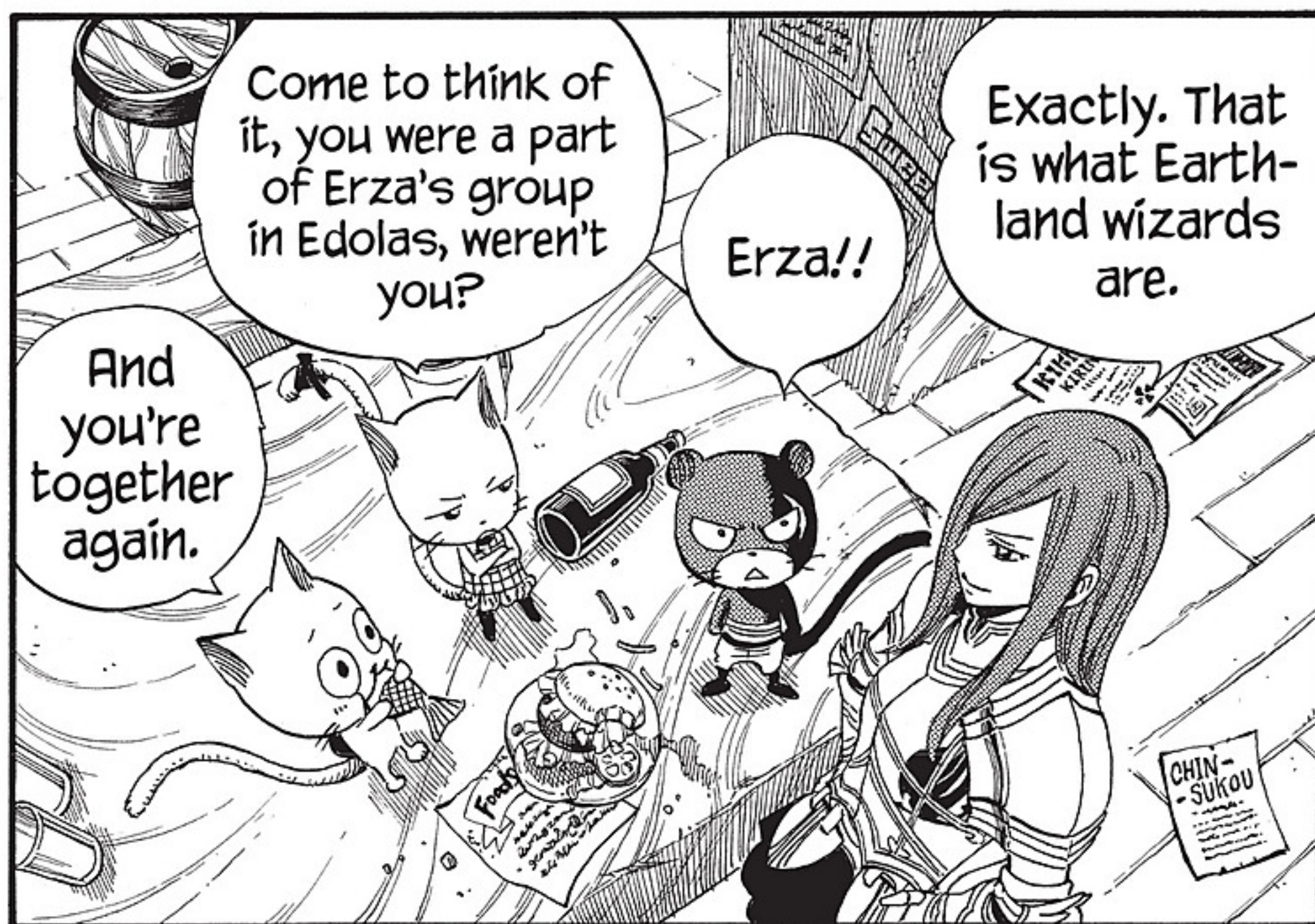
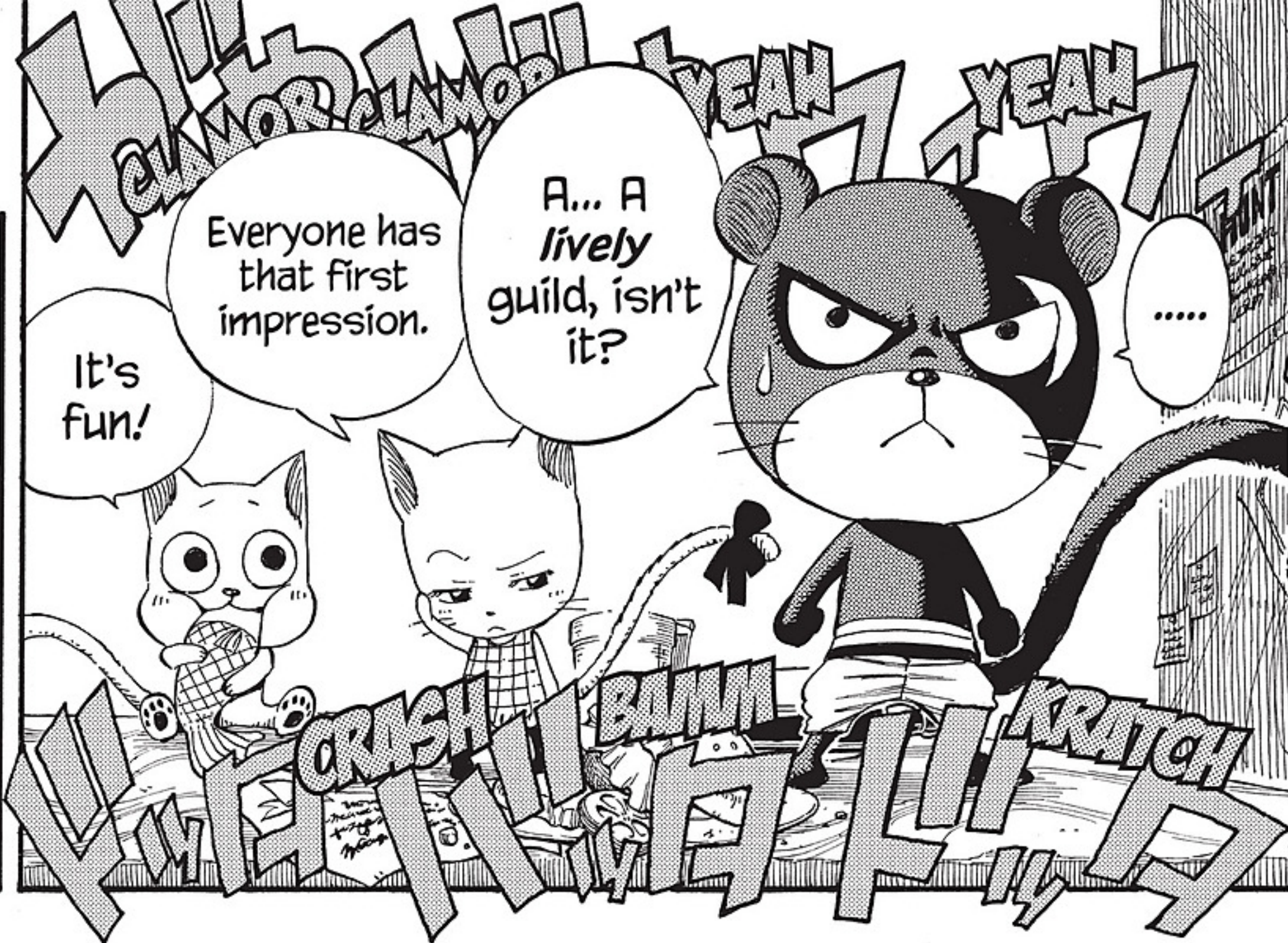
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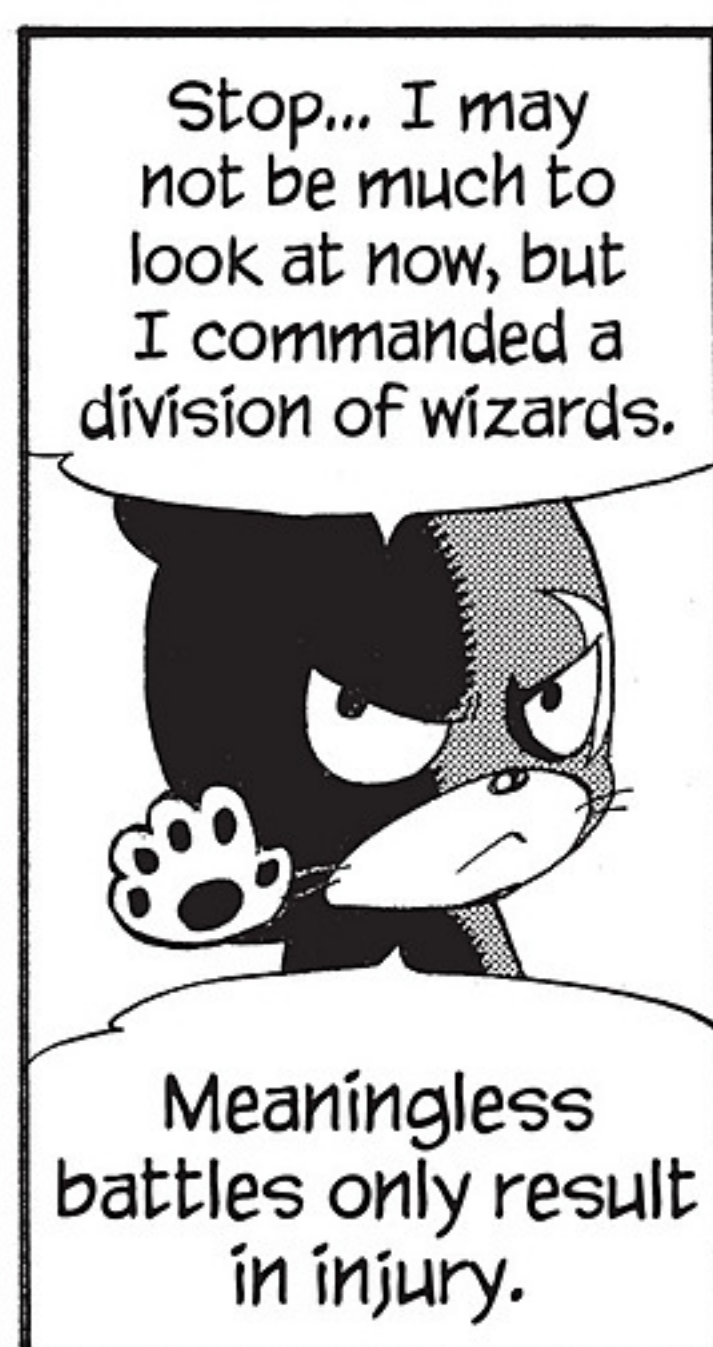
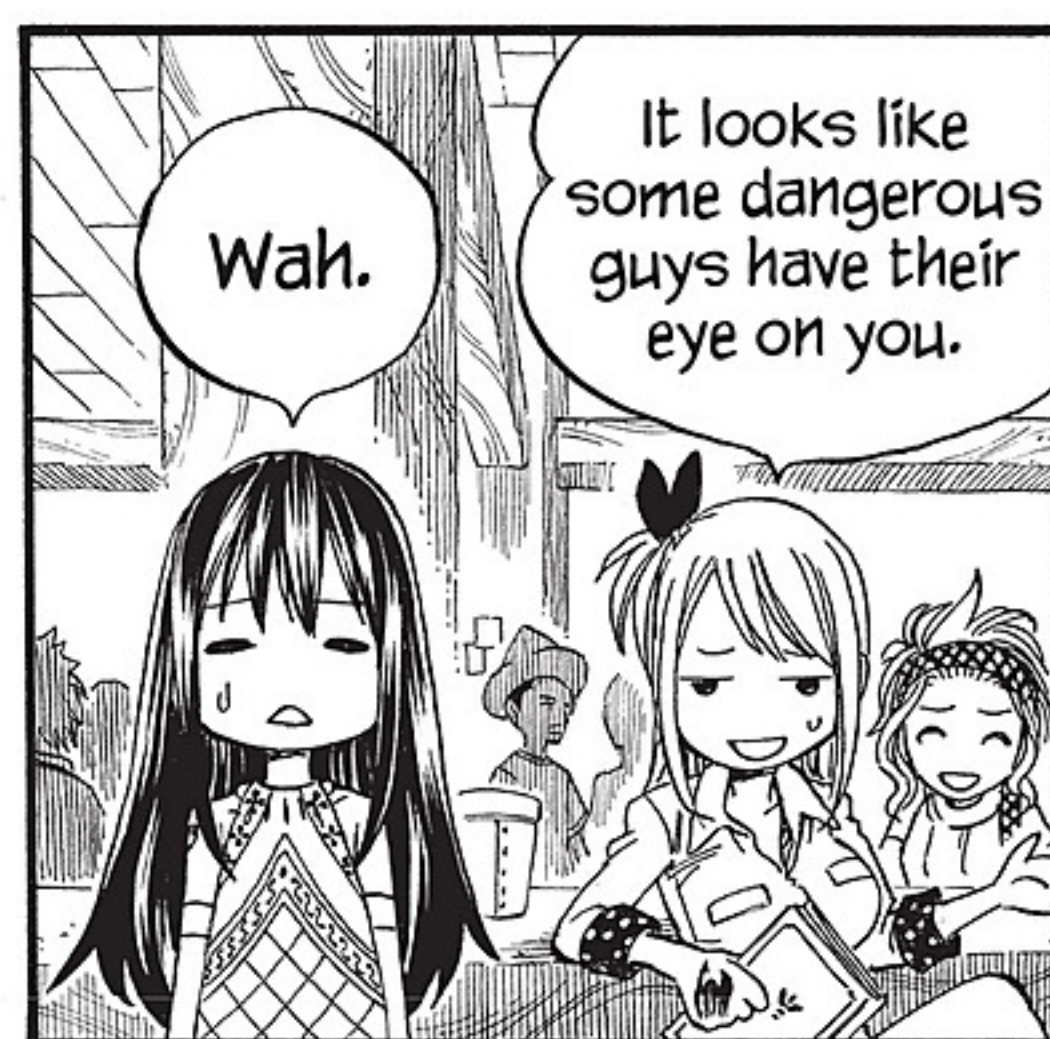
And things like that!

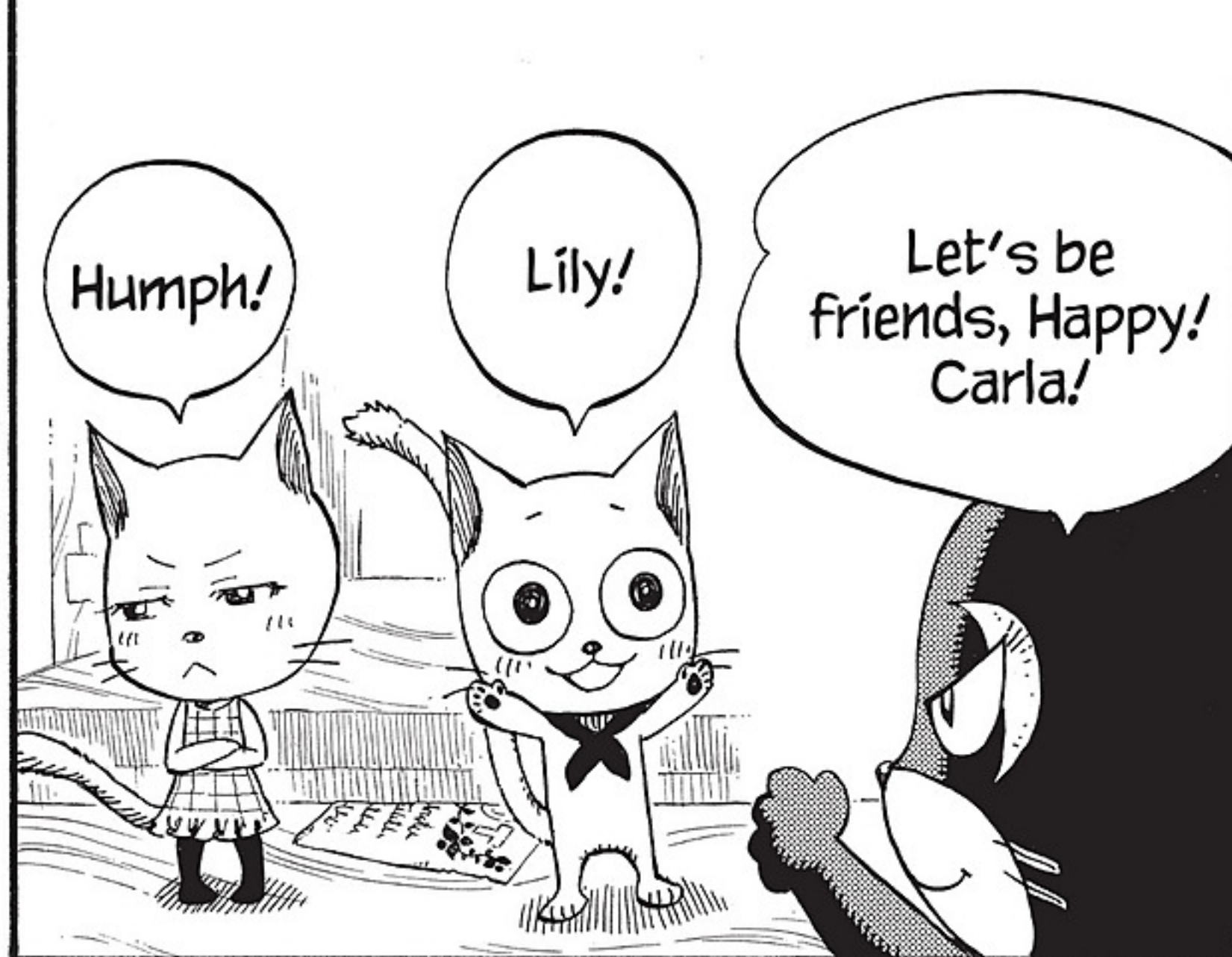
He'd say, "L-Lucy keeps picking on me..."

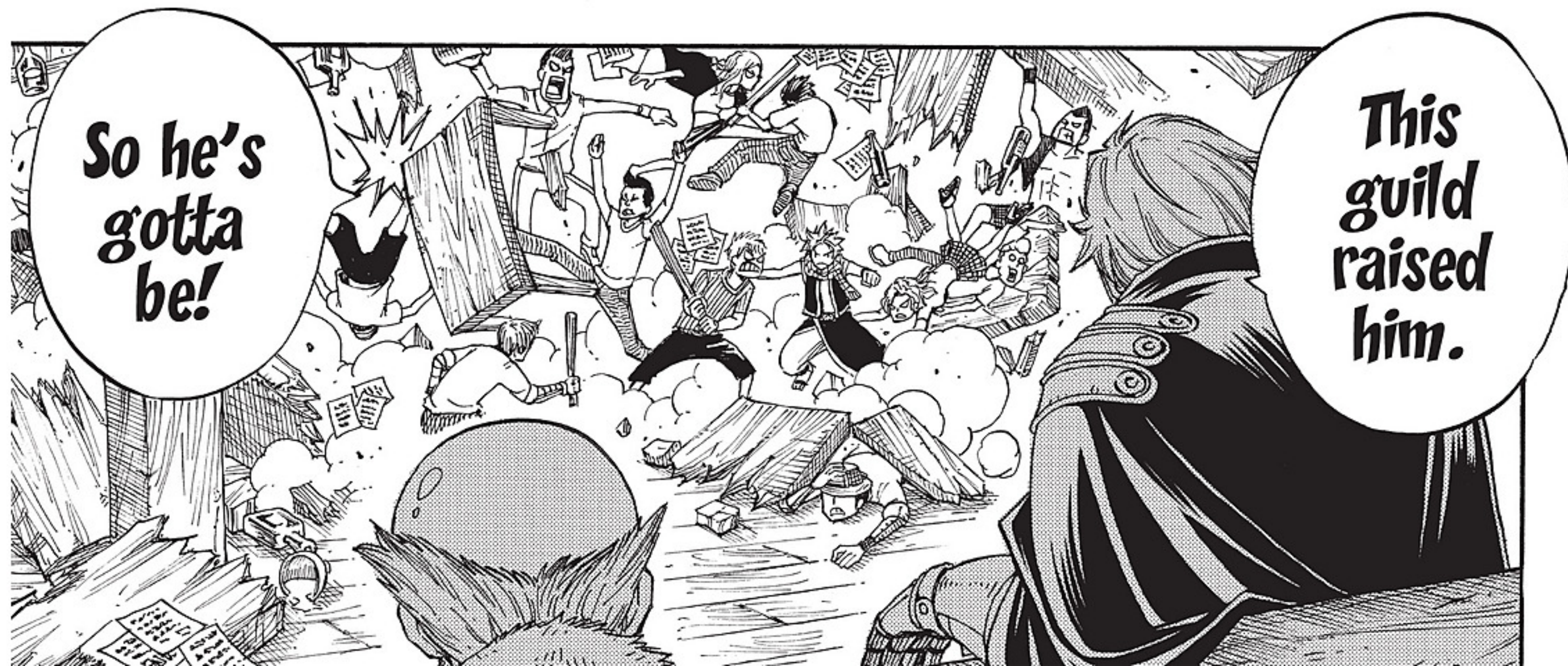
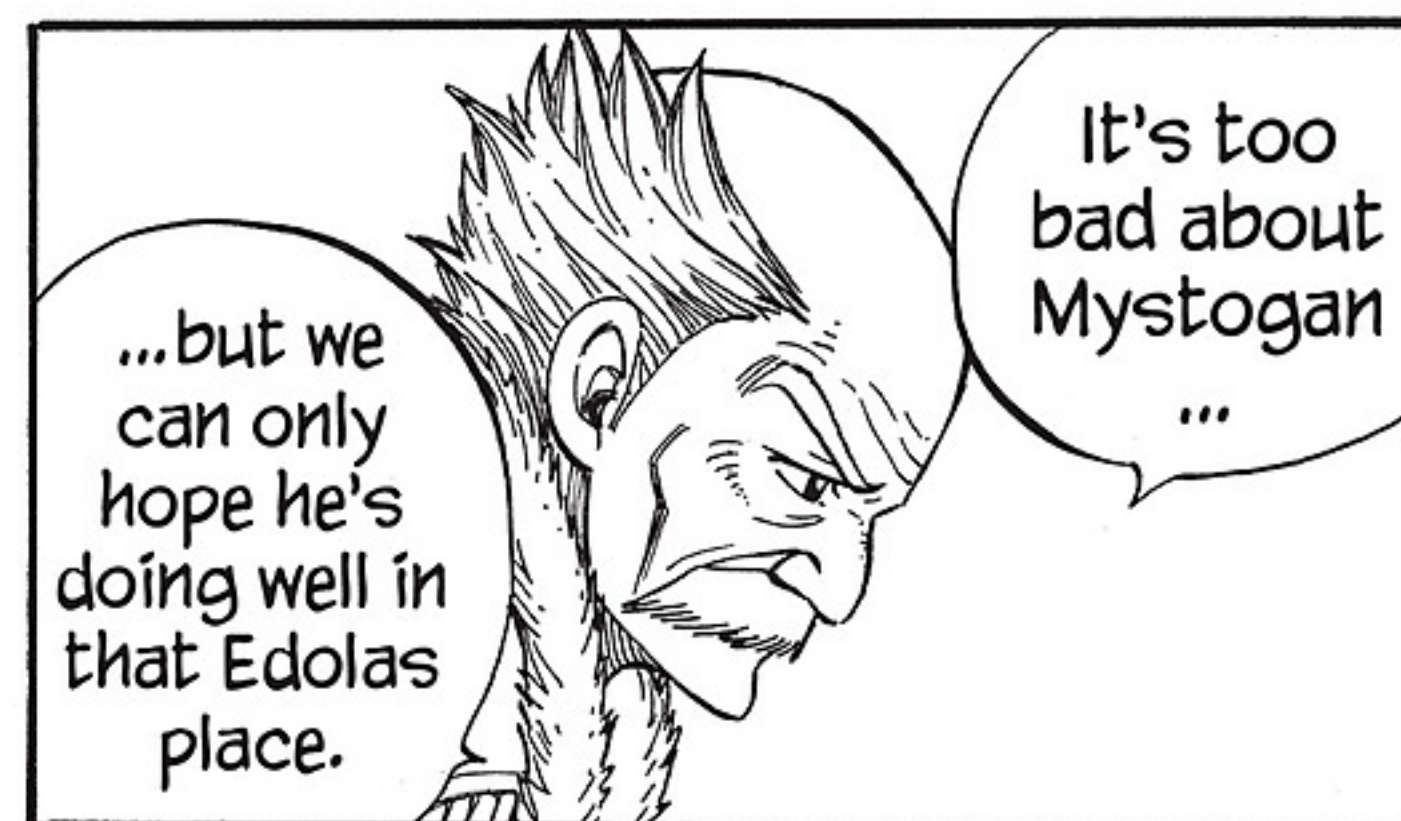
Ah ha ha! About that...

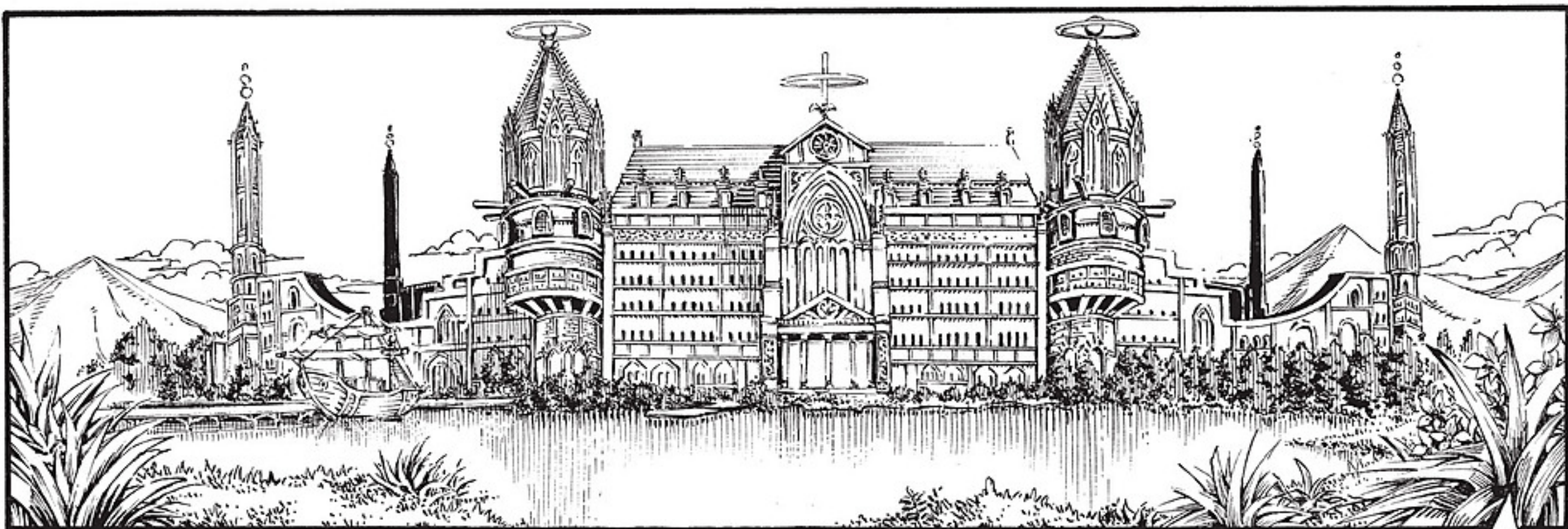
He's really cute! ♡

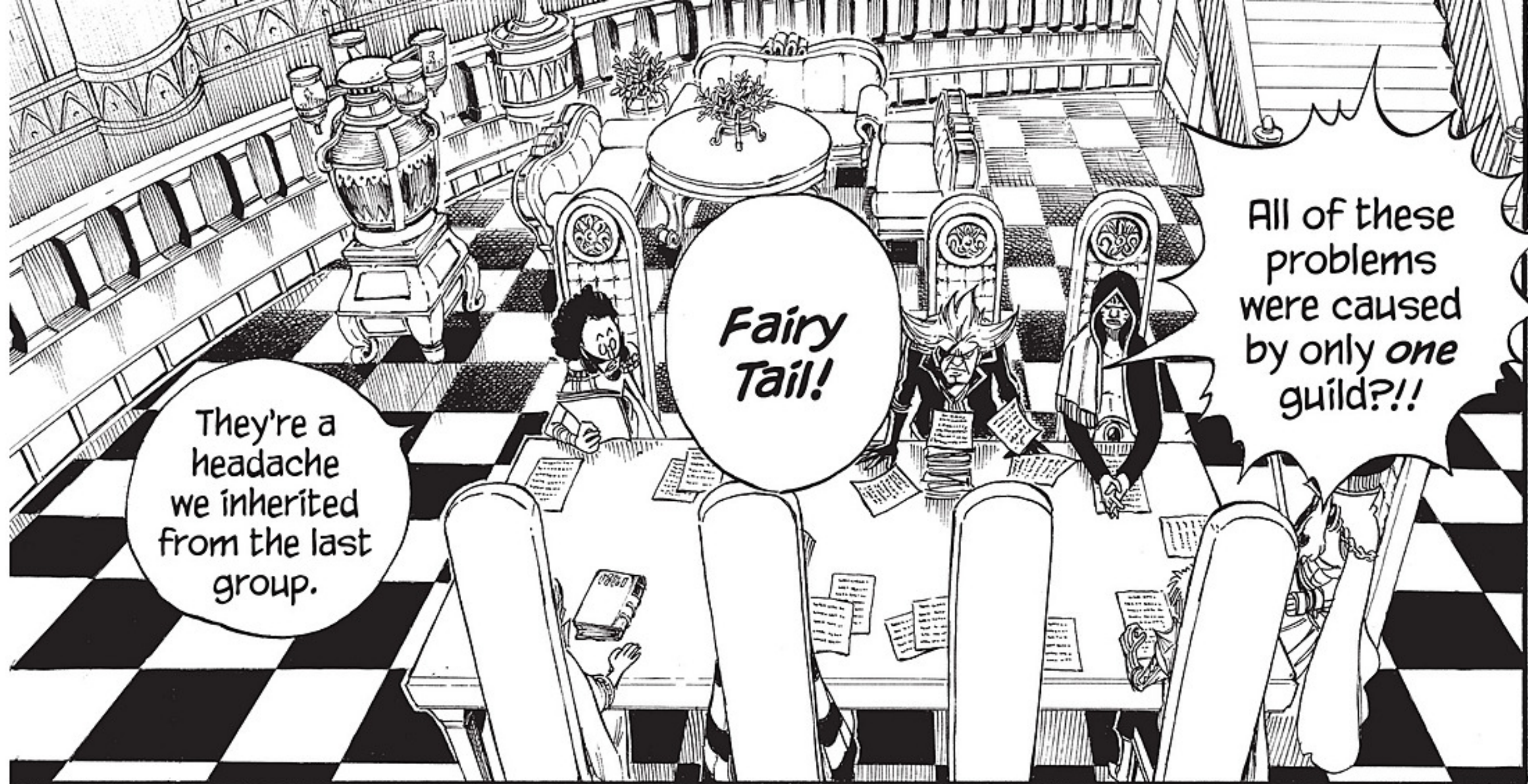








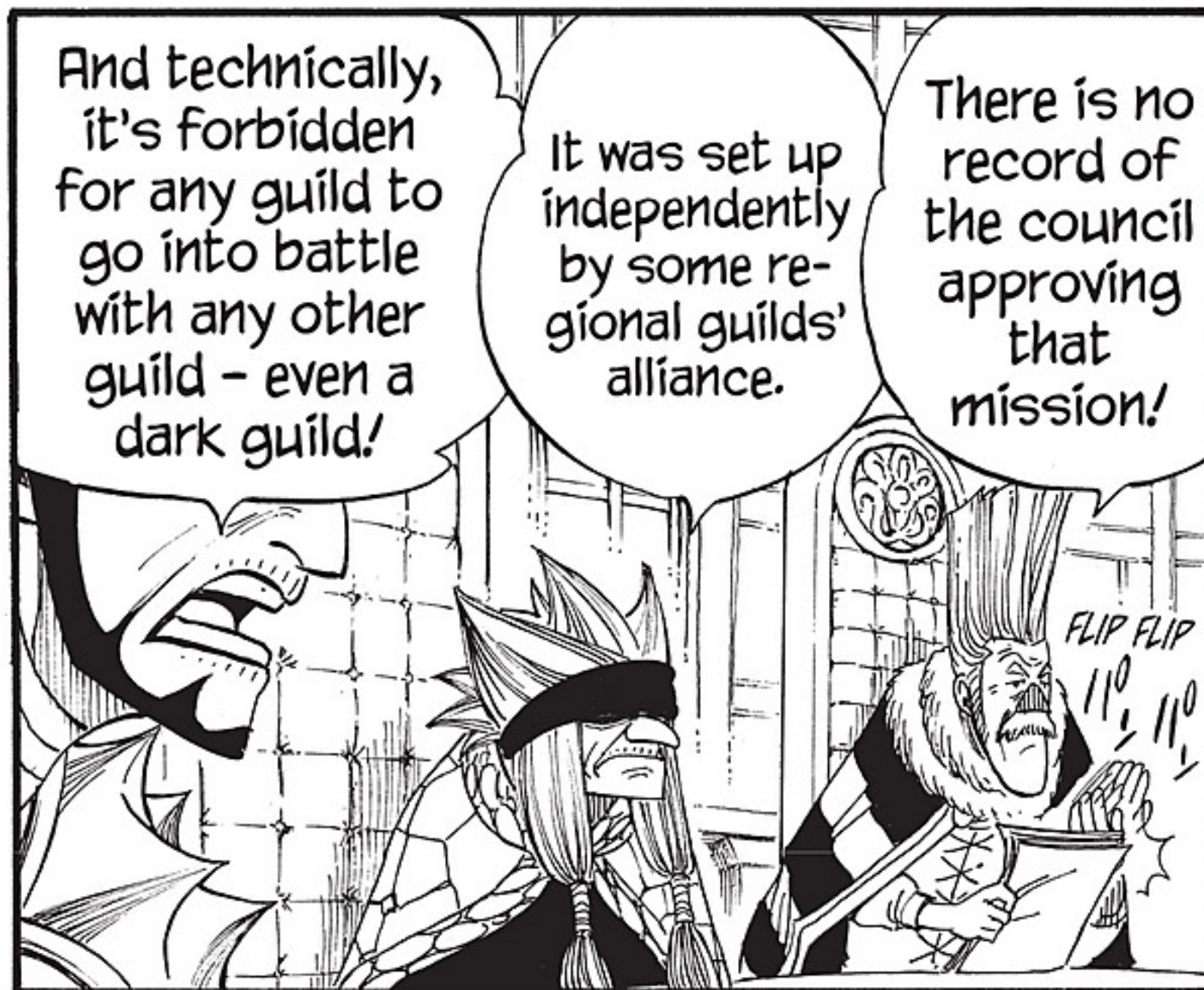




They're a headache we inherited from the last group.

Fairy Tail!

All of these problems were caused by only *one* guild?!!

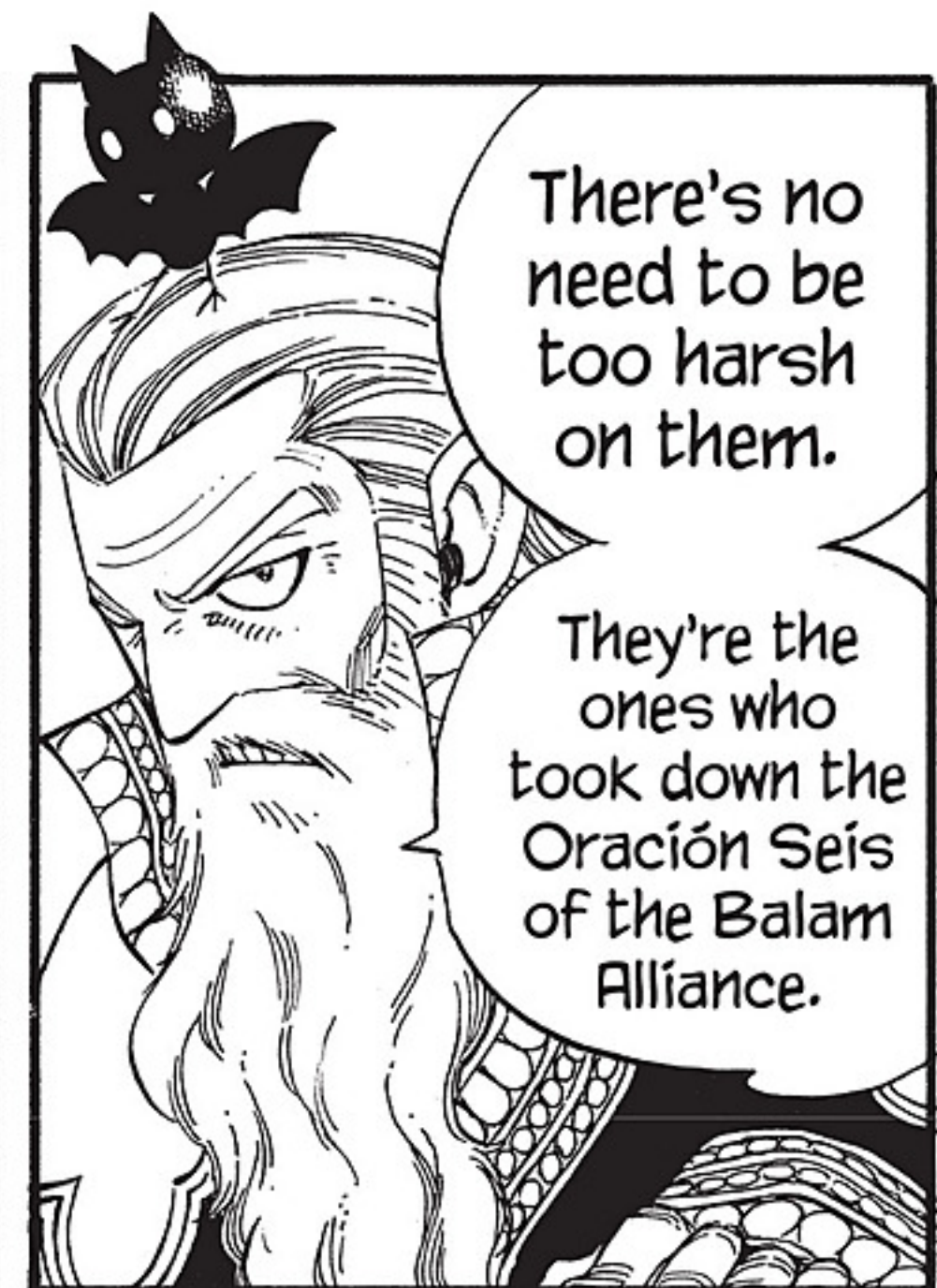


And technically, it's forbidden for any guild to go into battle with any other guild - even a dark guild!

It was set up independently by some regional guilds' alliance.

There is no record of the council approving that mission!

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There's no need to be too harsh on them.

They're the ones who took down the Oración Seis of the Balam Alliance.



But what I find disturbing is how some of them called Jellal a "friend!" They even said so in their reports!

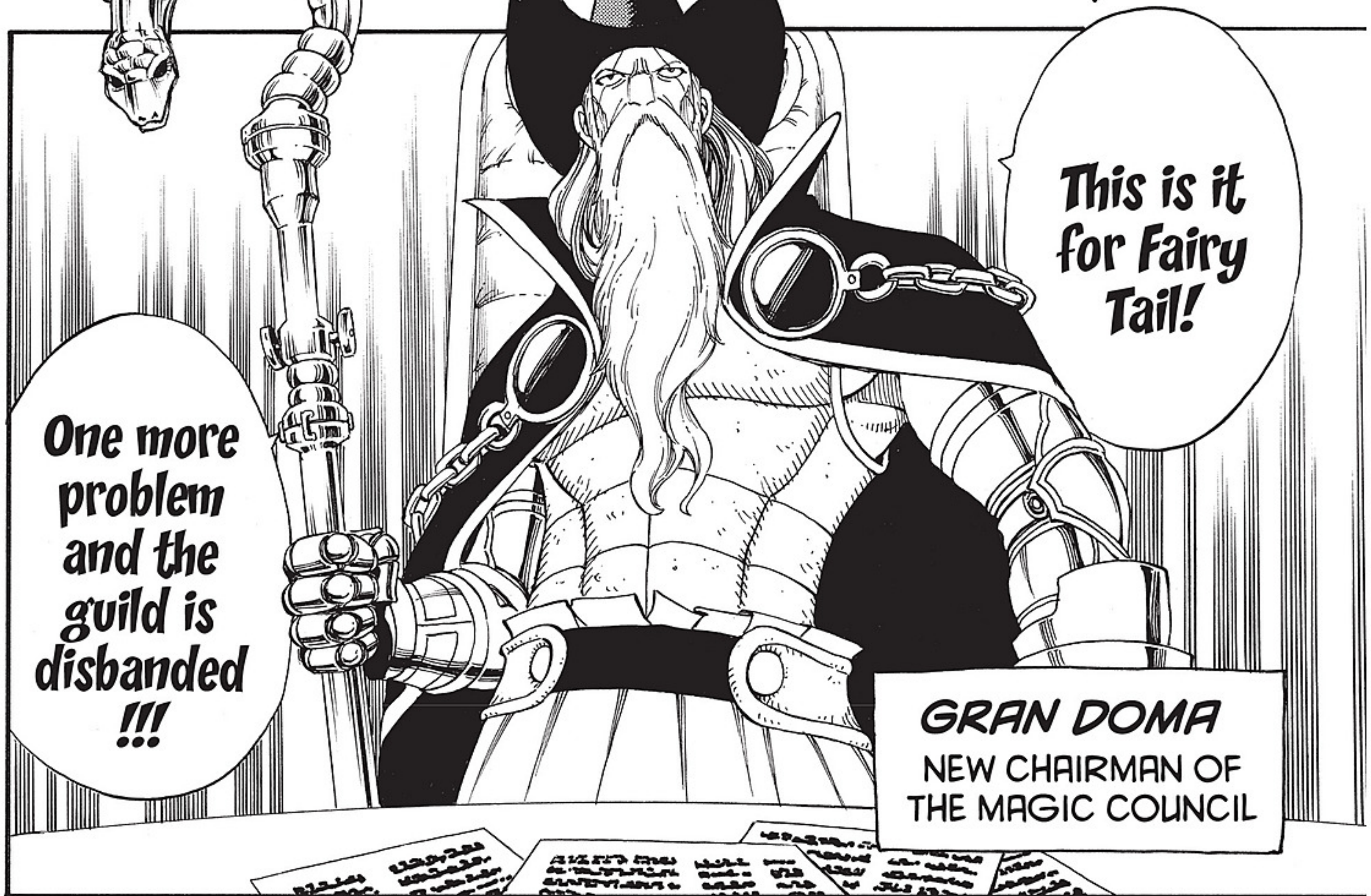
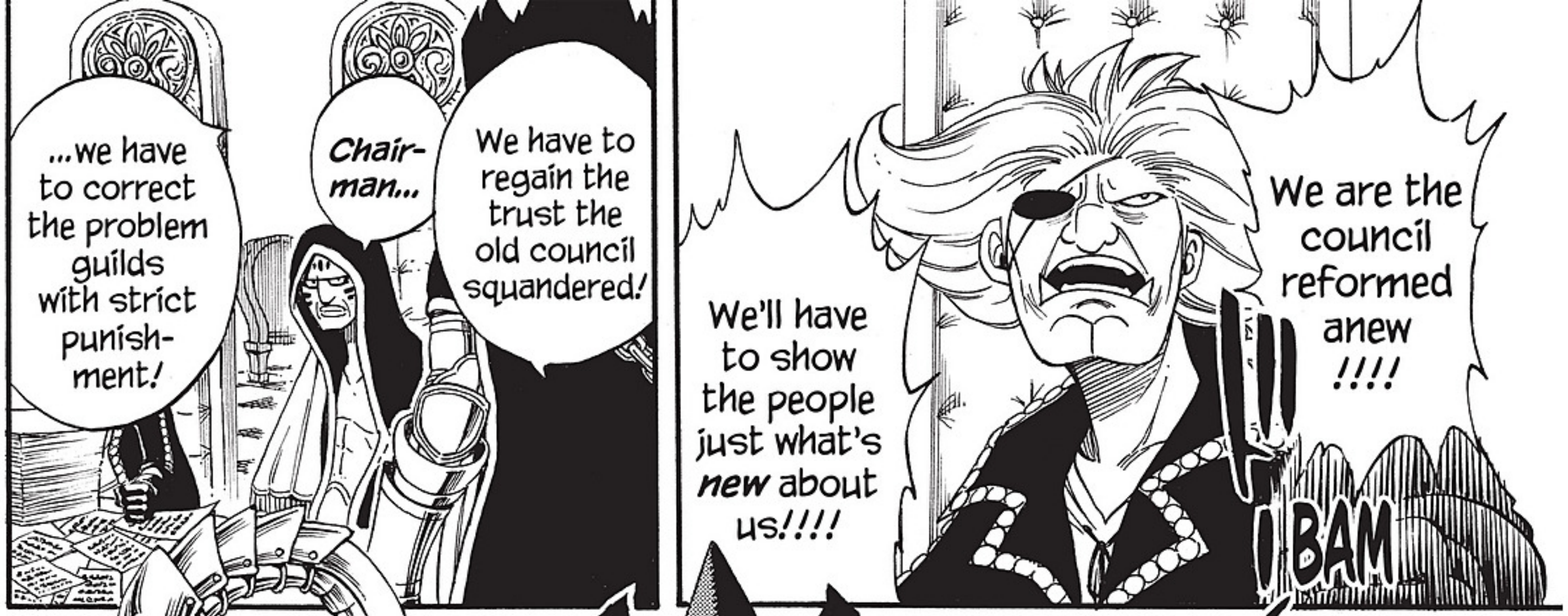
That's a dangerous way to think!

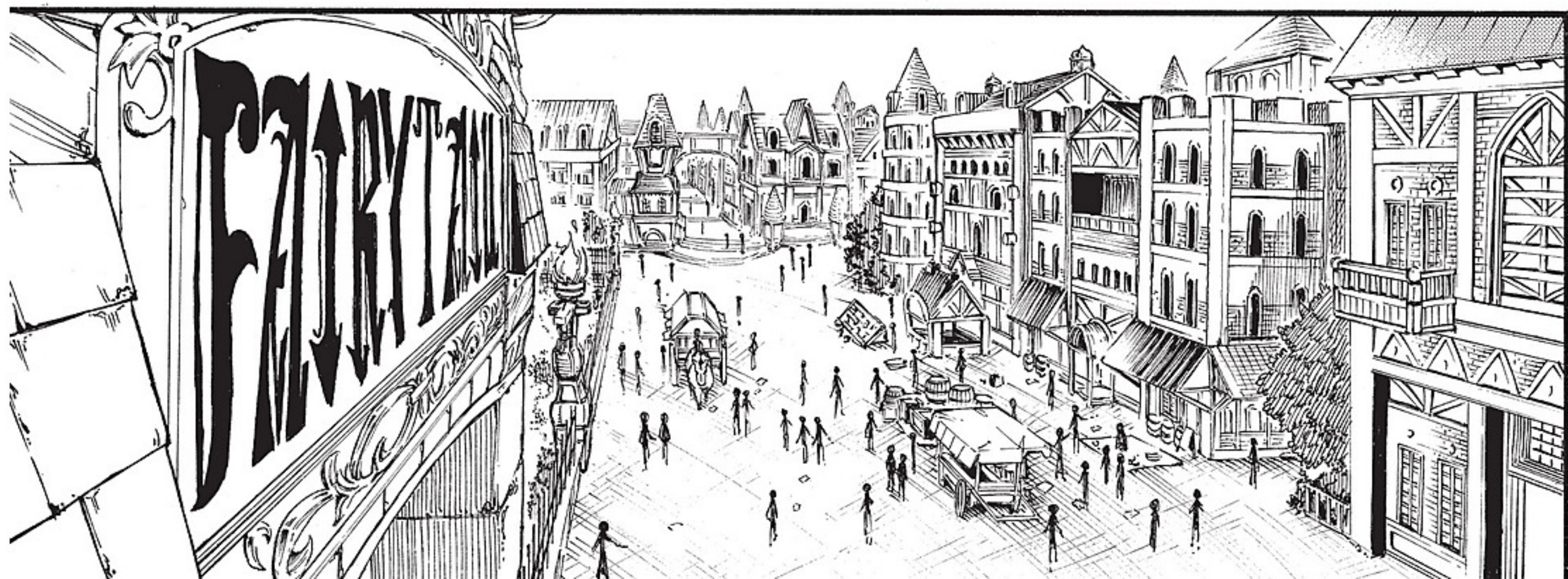


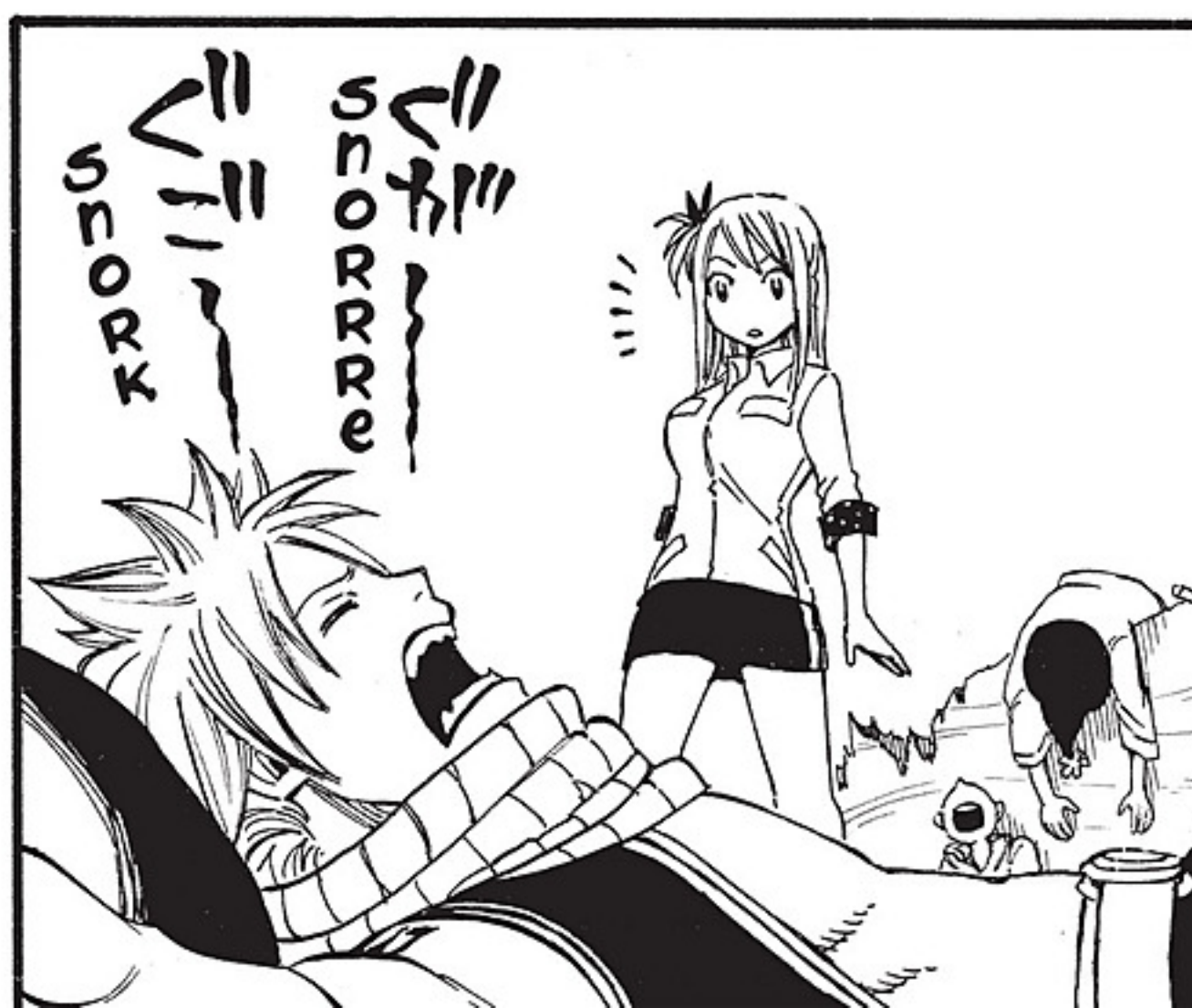
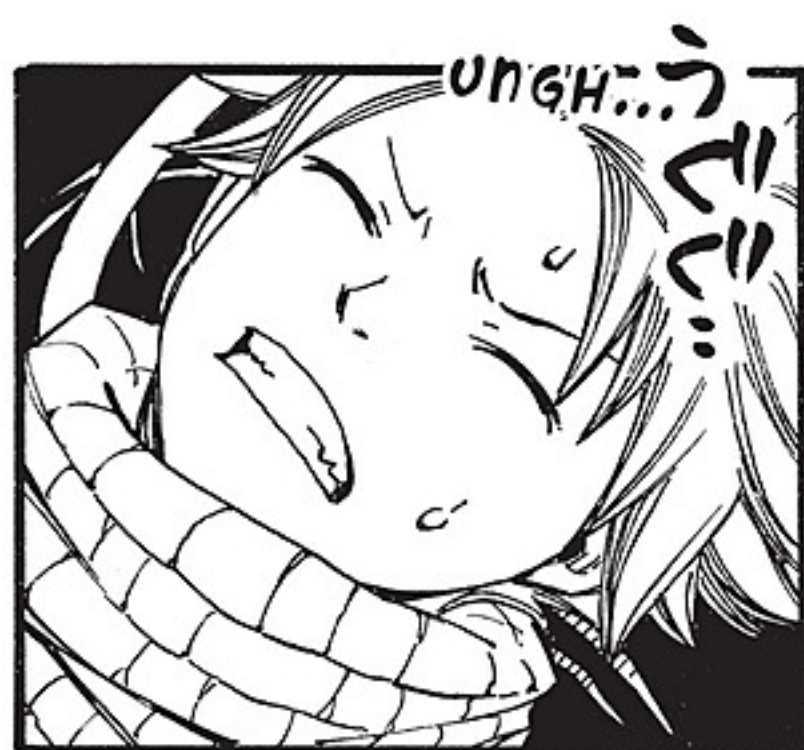
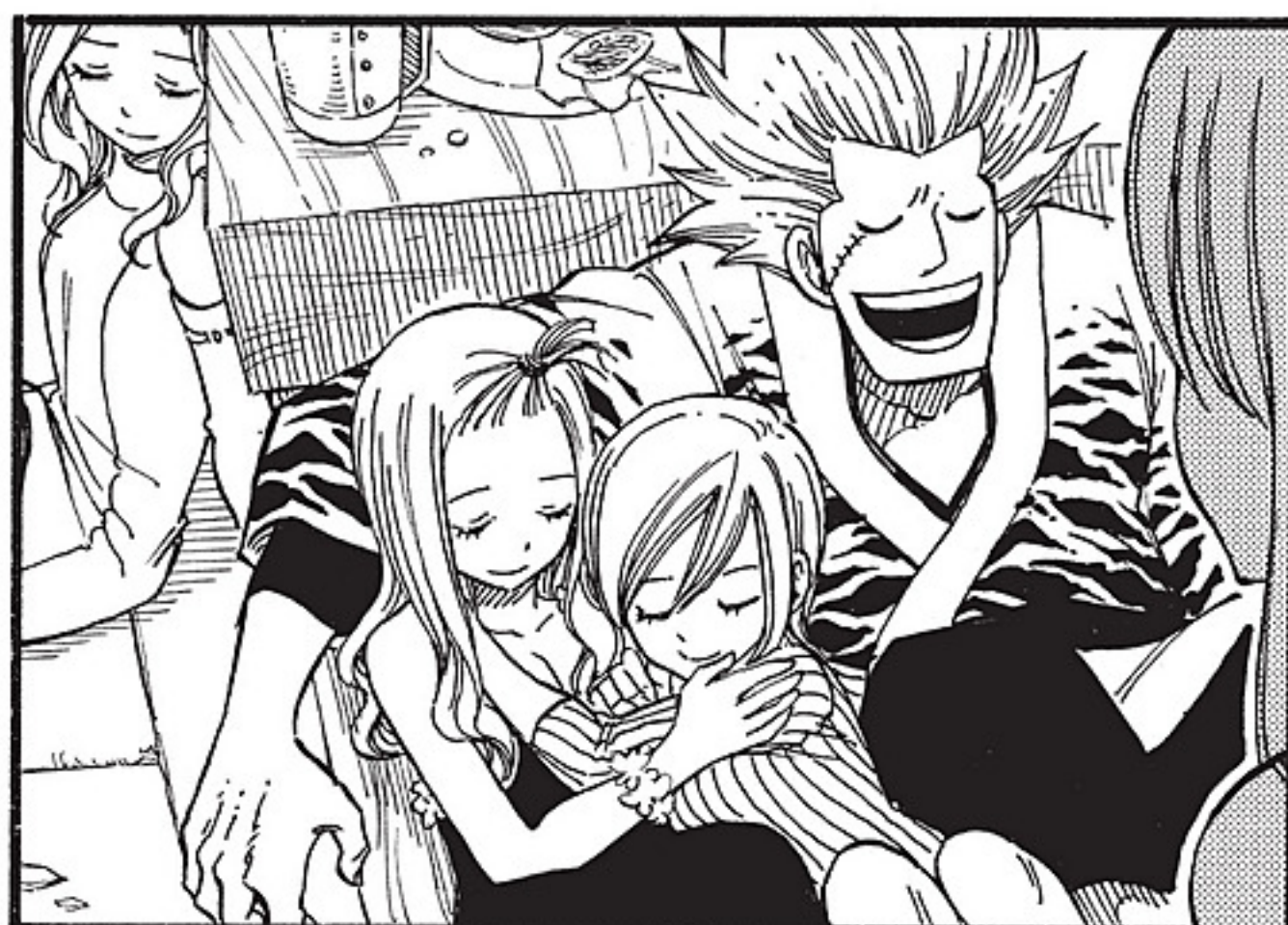
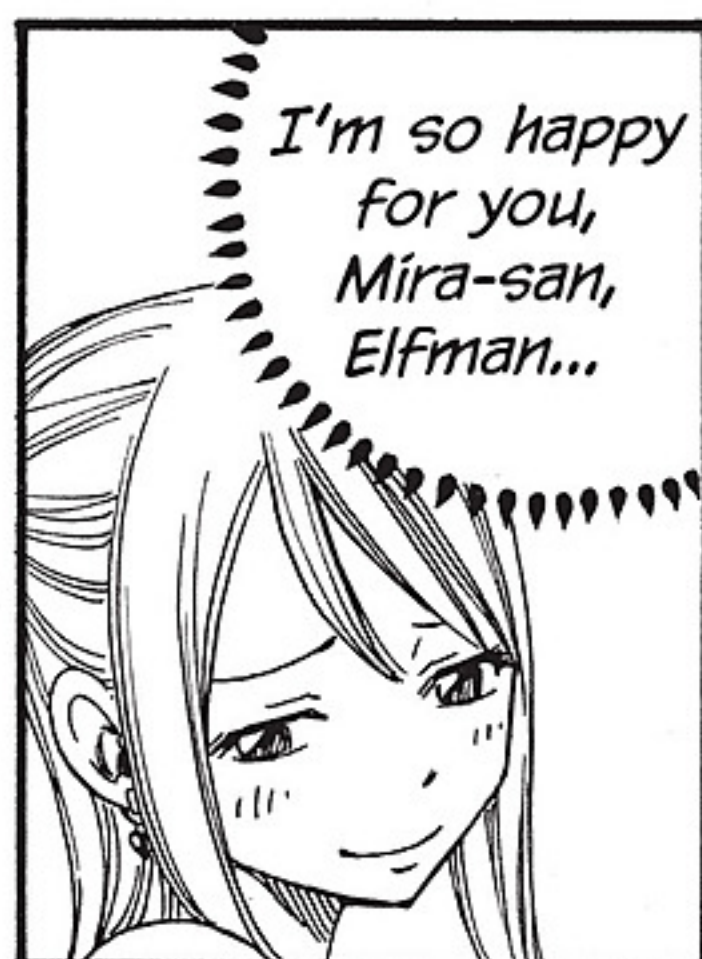
No... I don't see that happening. They may call it an alliance, but it's really nothing more than a non-aggression pact.

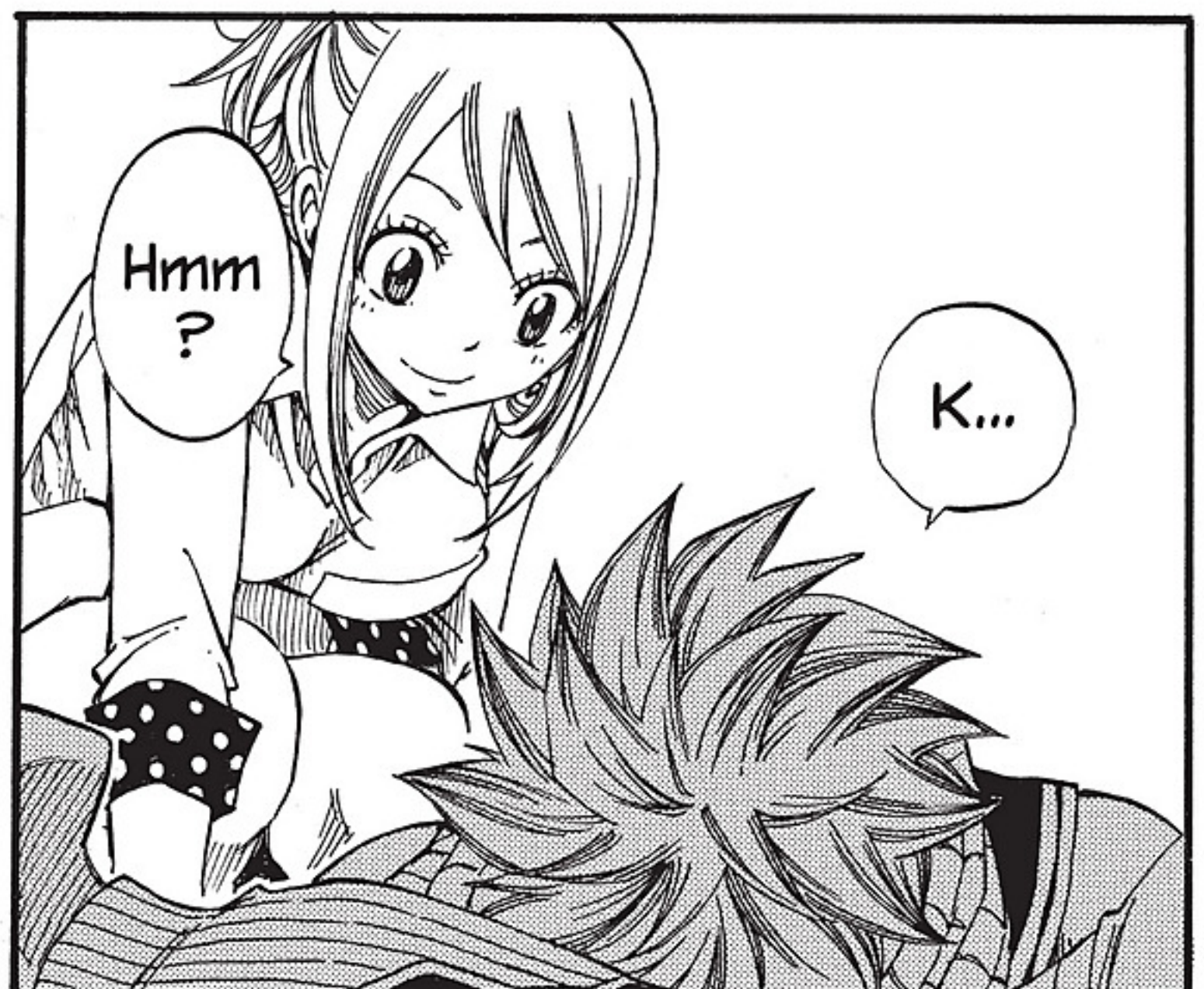
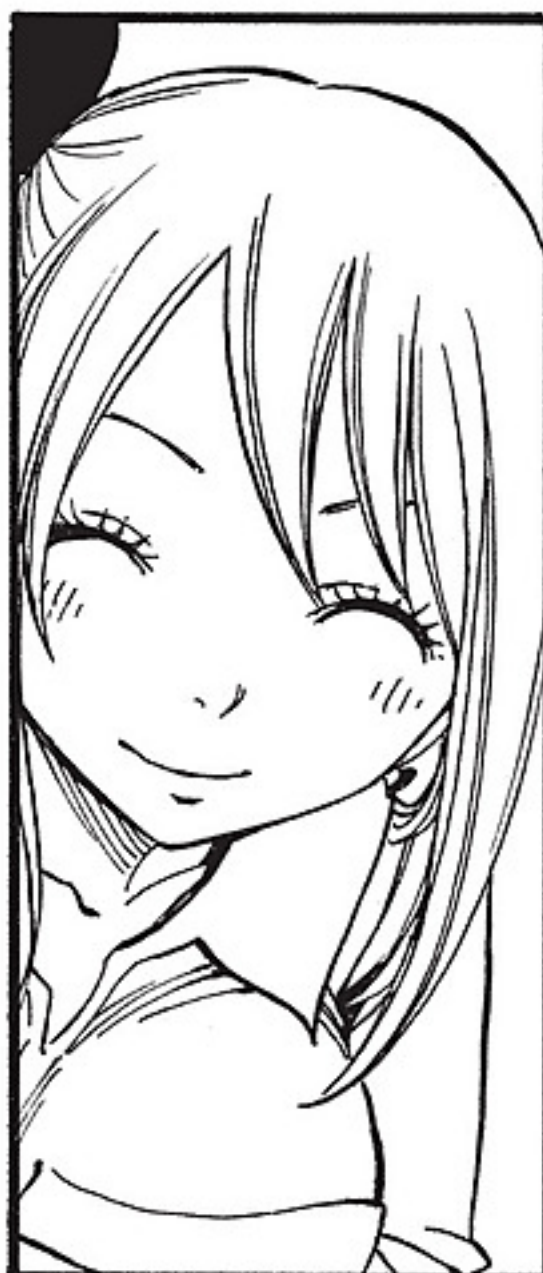
And worse, this incident could cause reprisals from the Balam Alliance against official guilds!

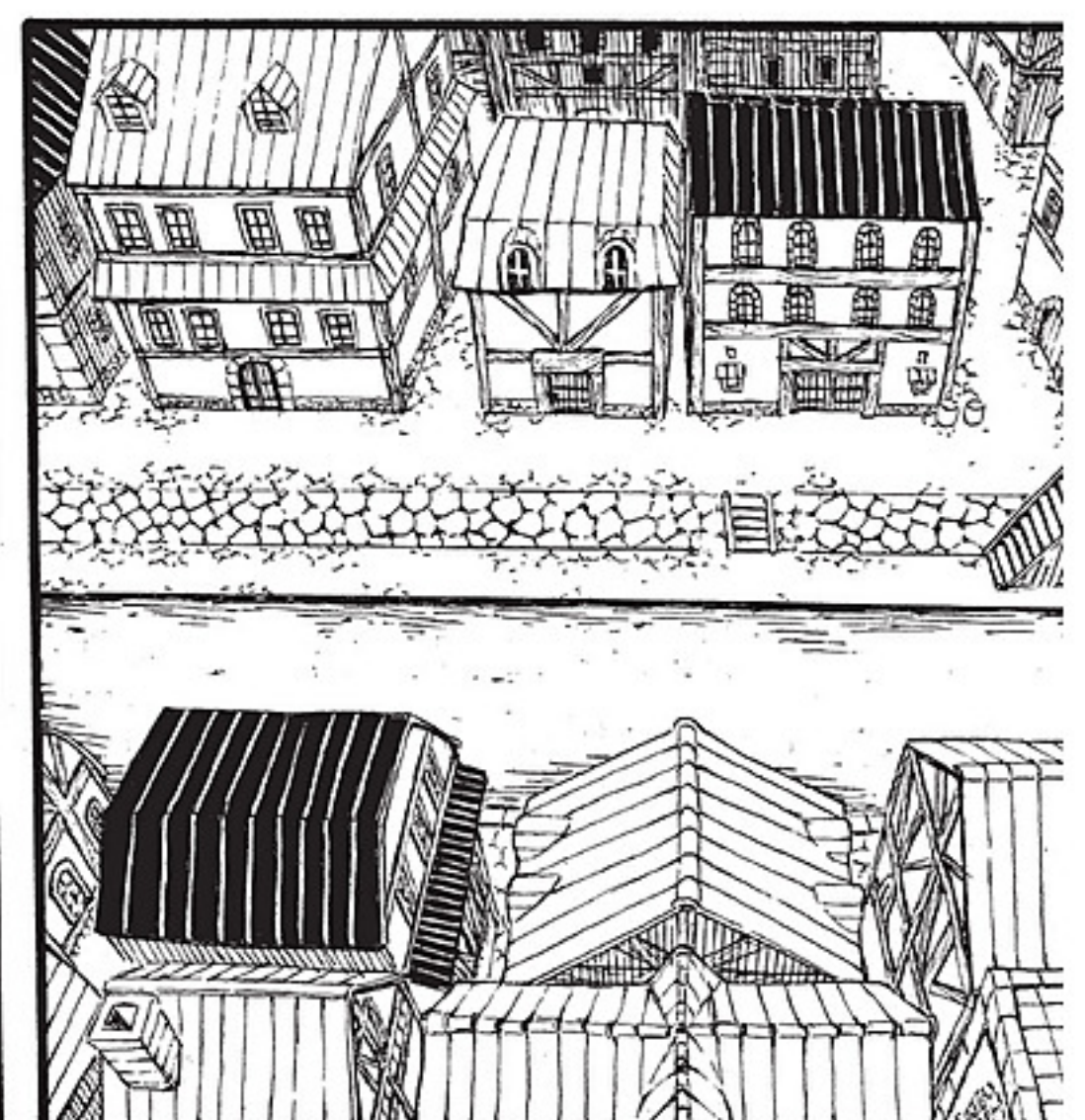
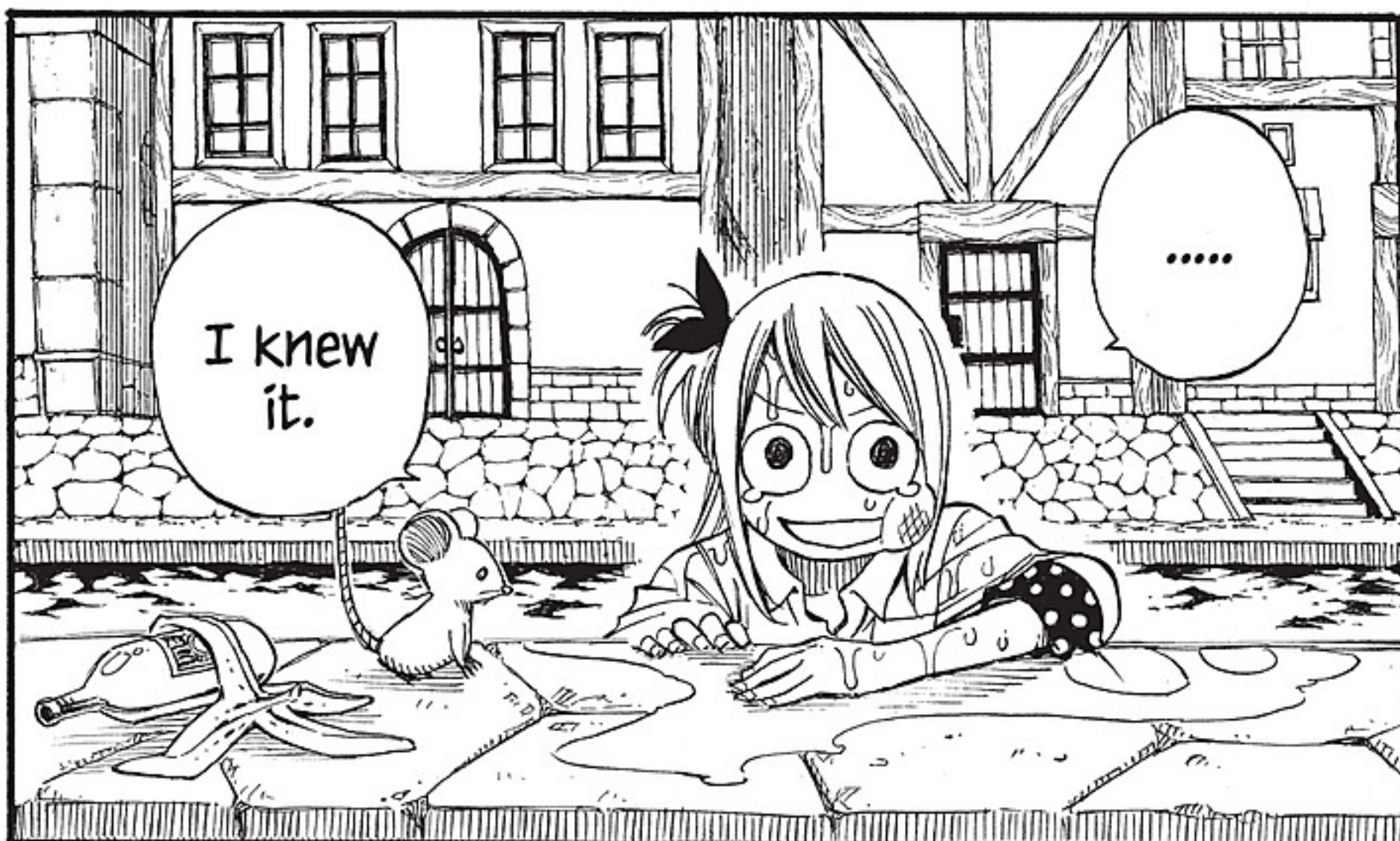
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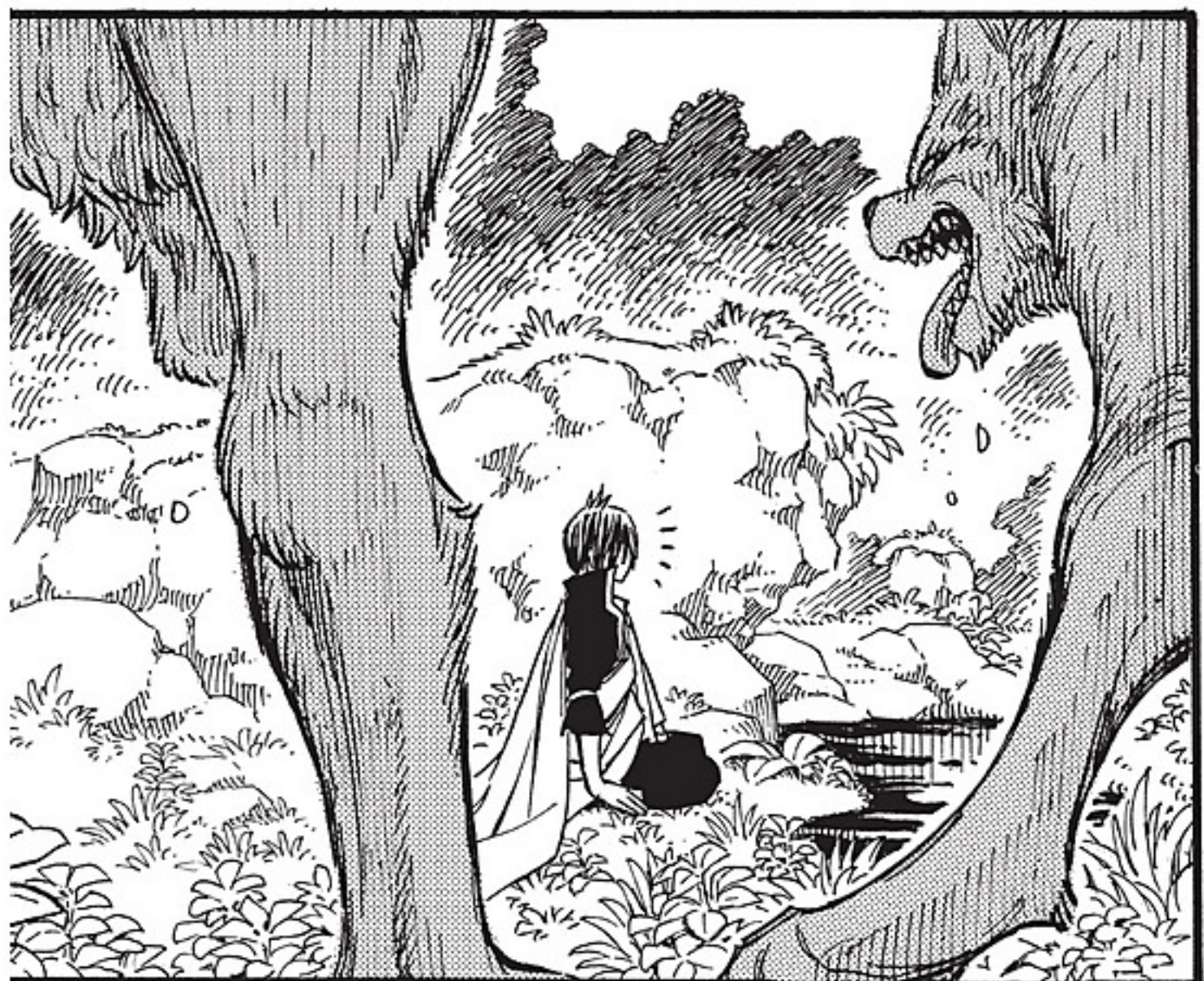
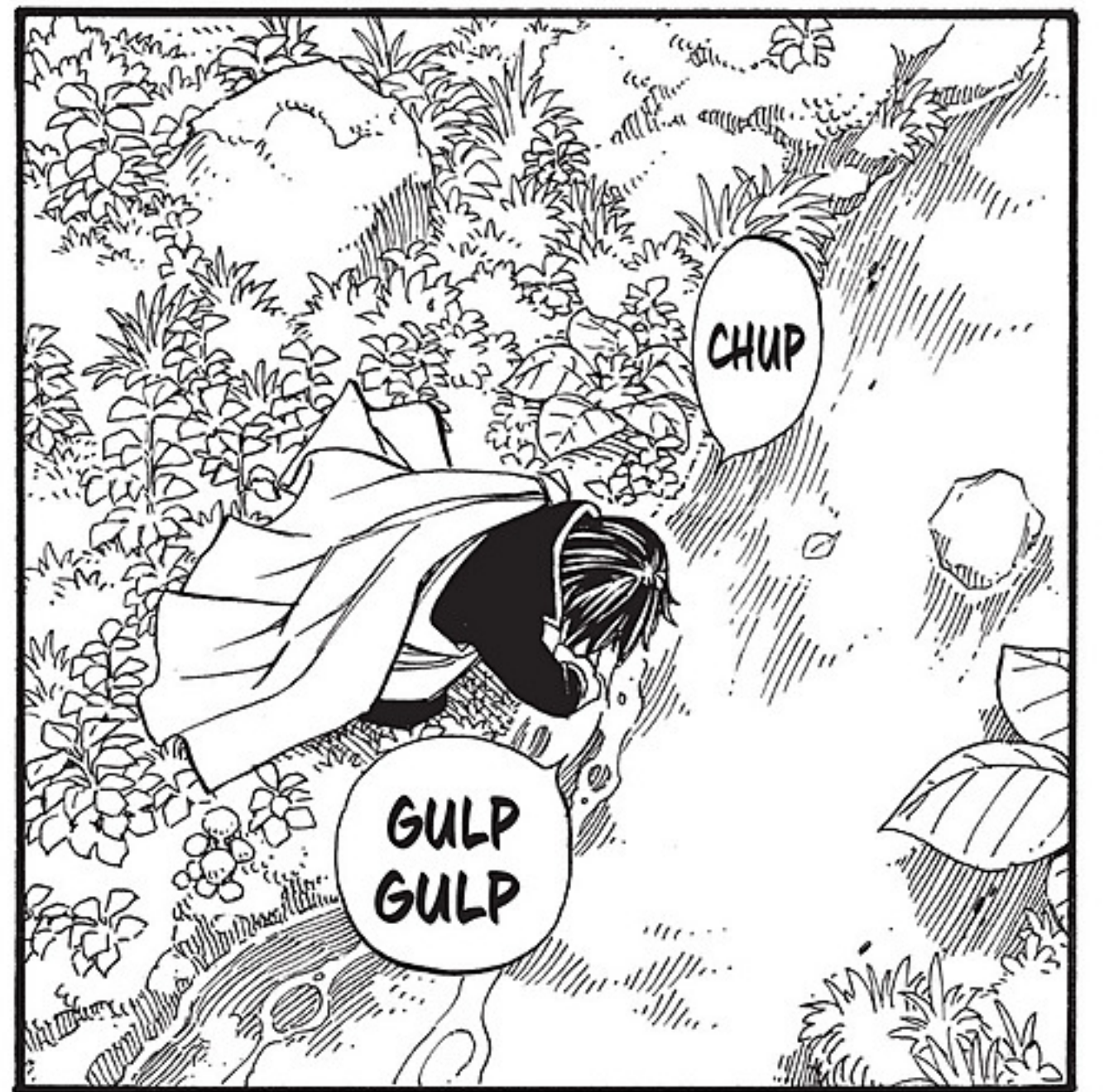


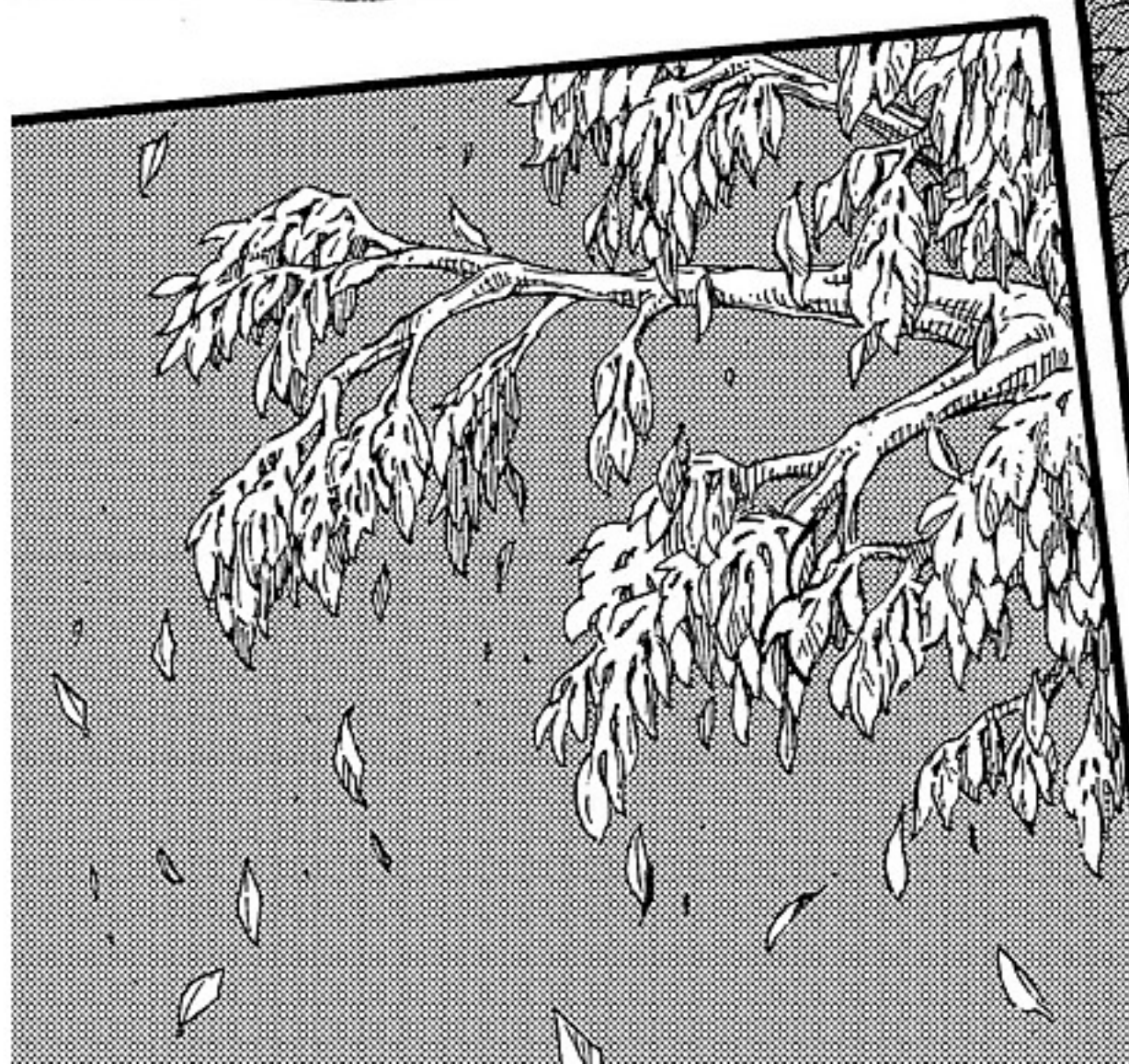














*I hope
I can
see you
soon!*

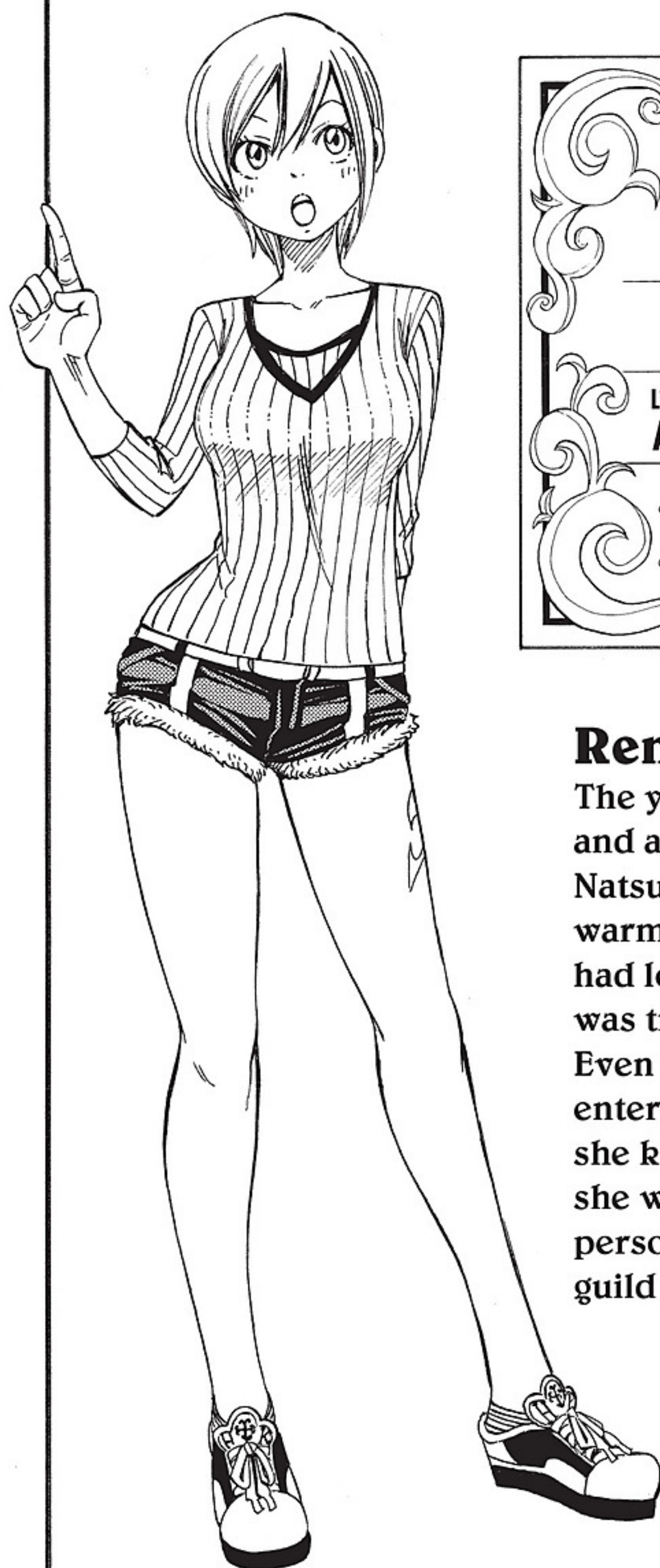
Natsu...



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Name: **Lisanna** Age: **17 yrs.**

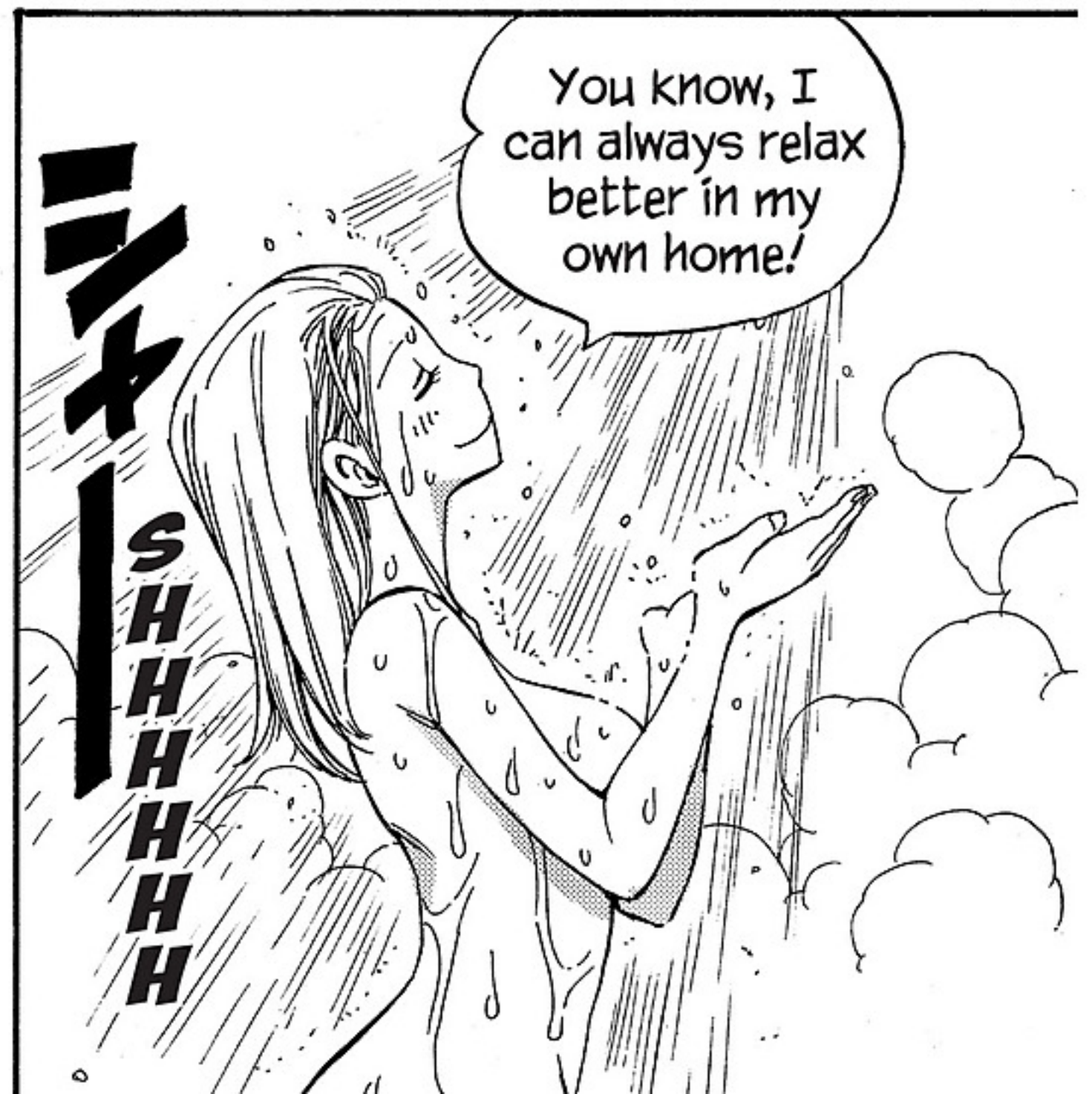
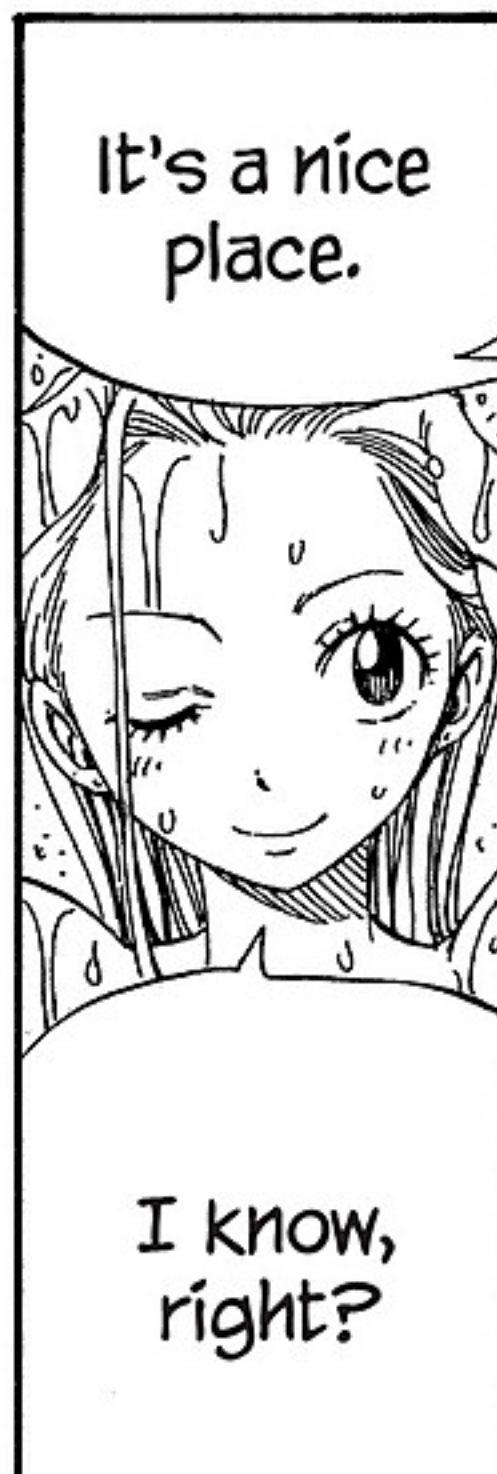
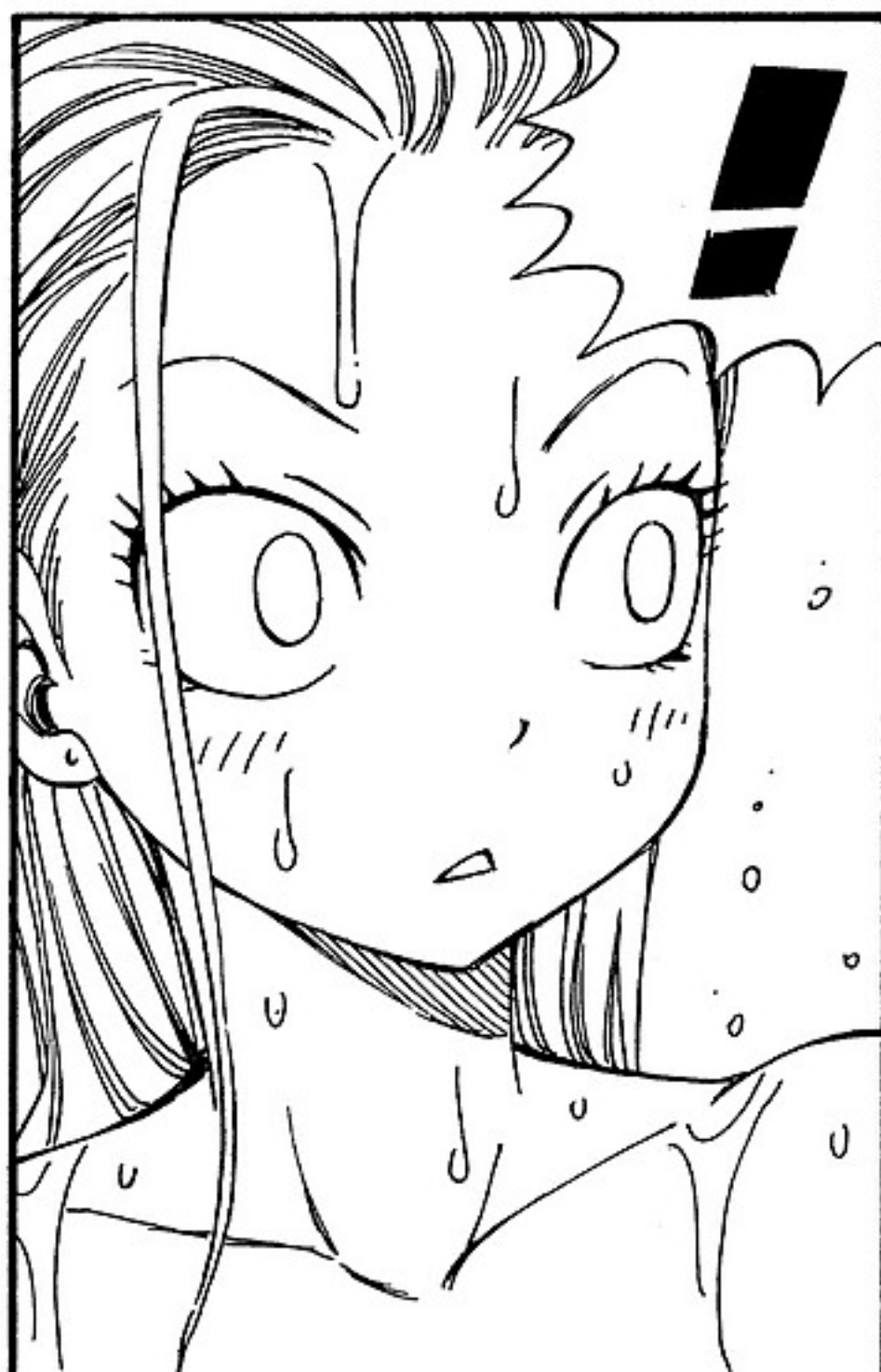
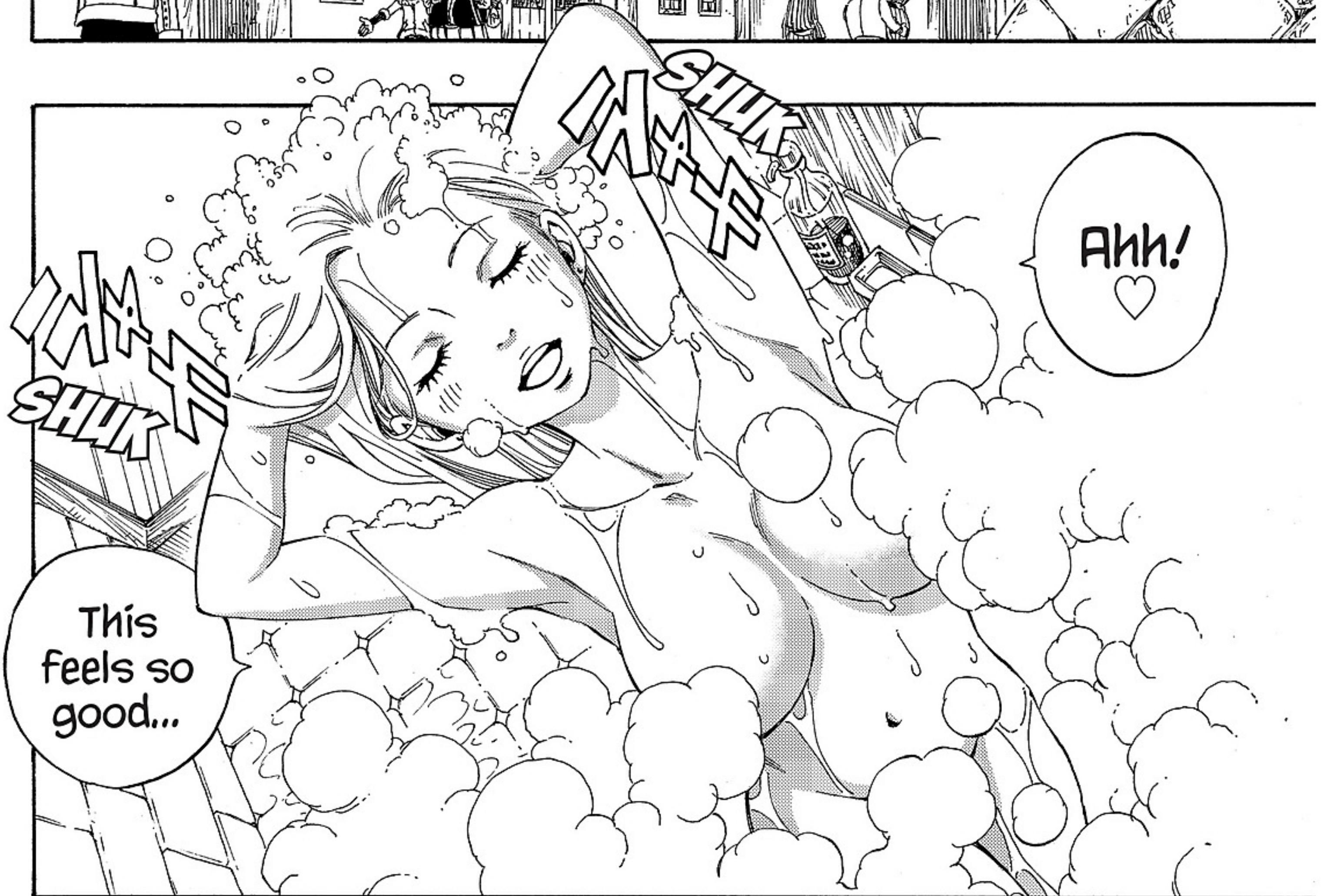
Magic: **Takeover: Animal Soul**

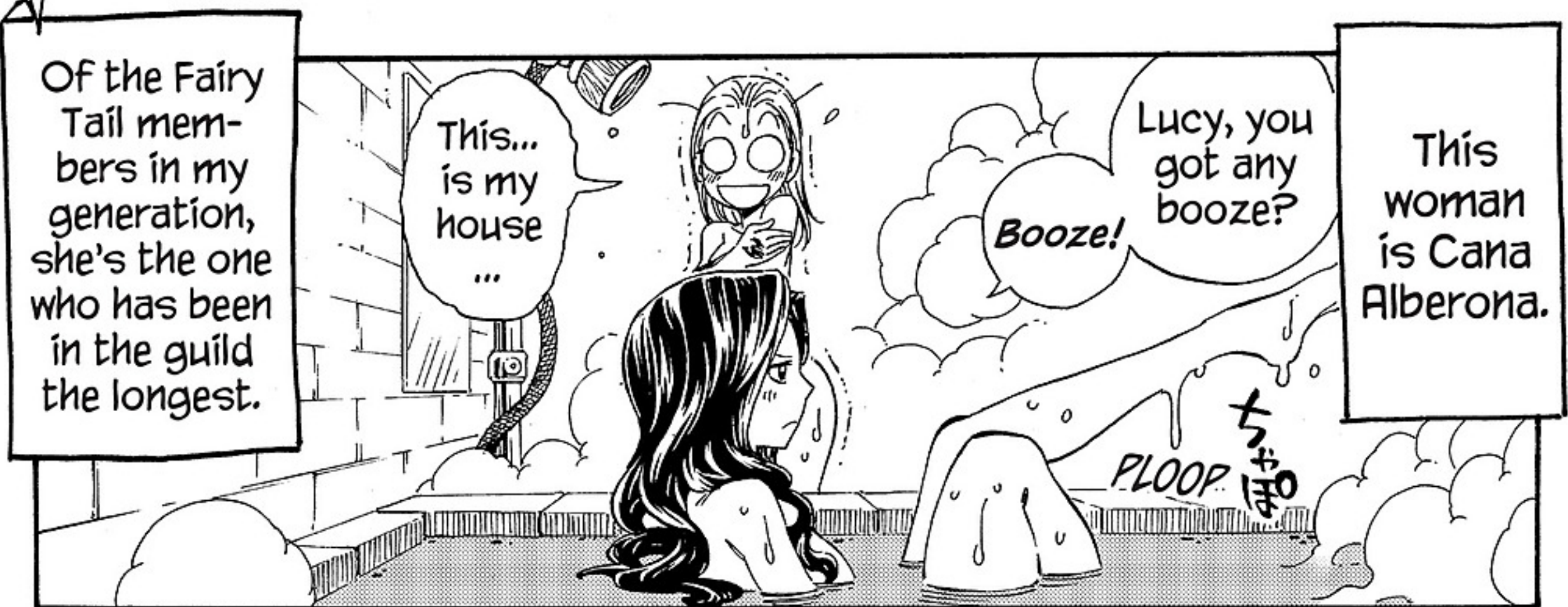
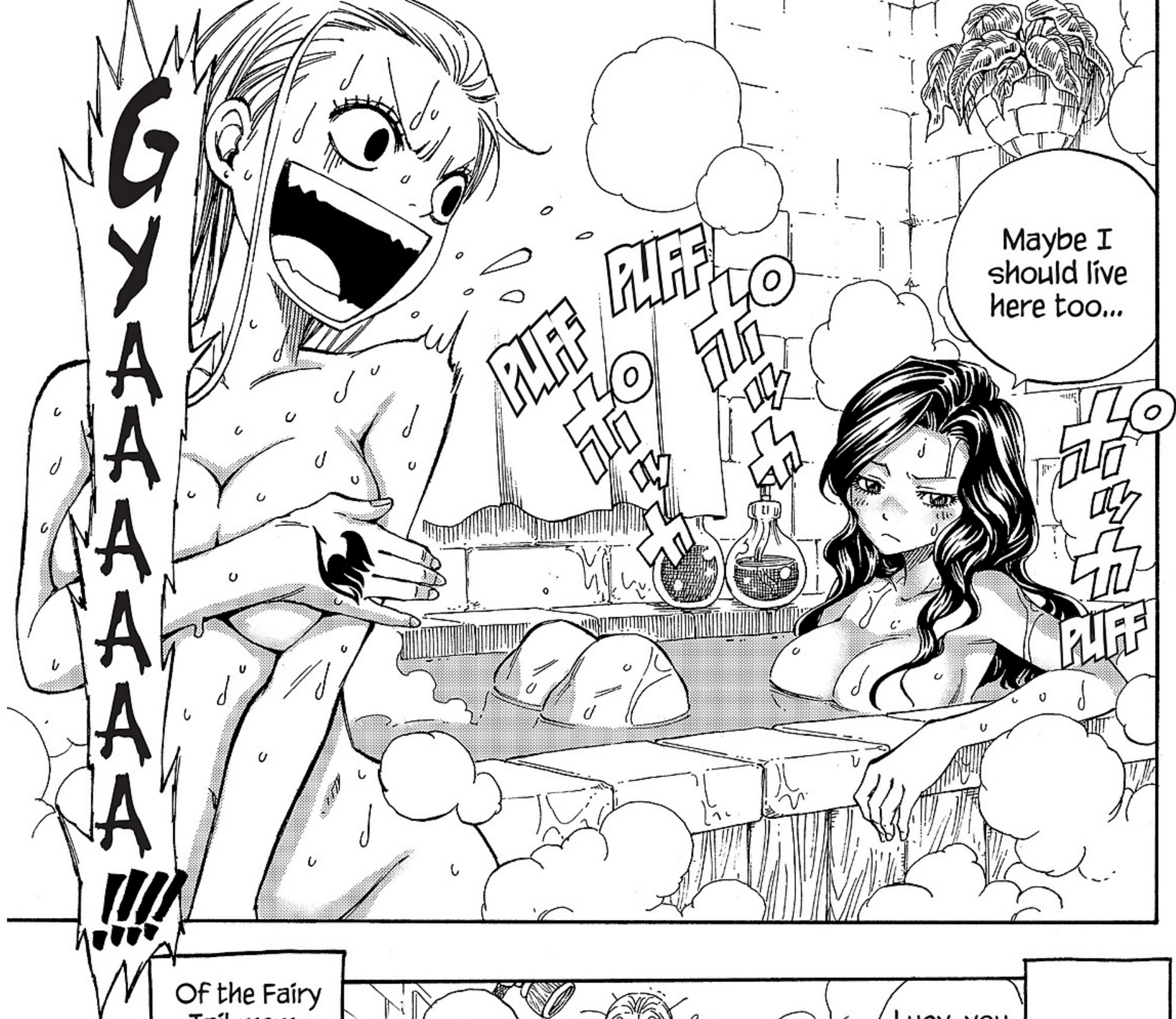
Likes: **Animals (especially cats)** Dislikes: **Studying**

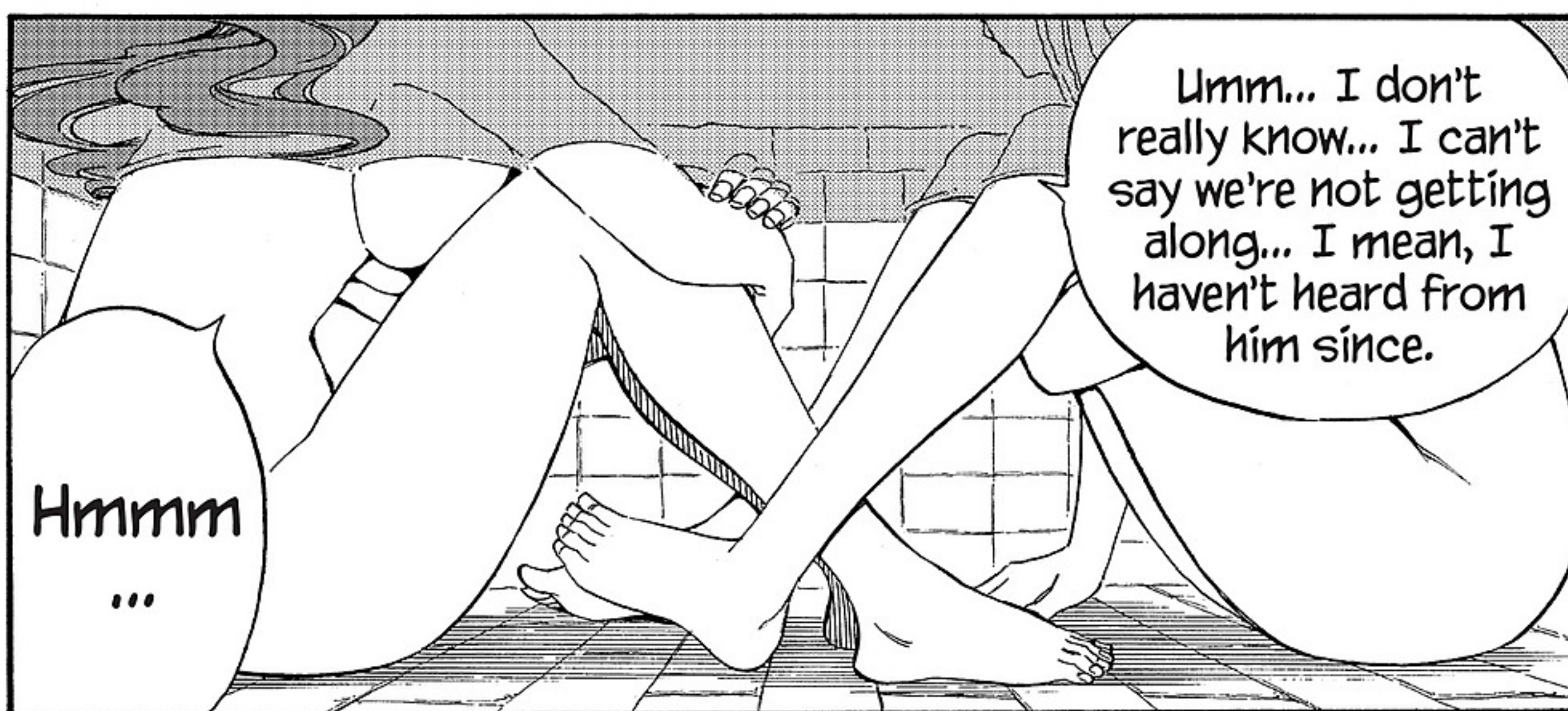
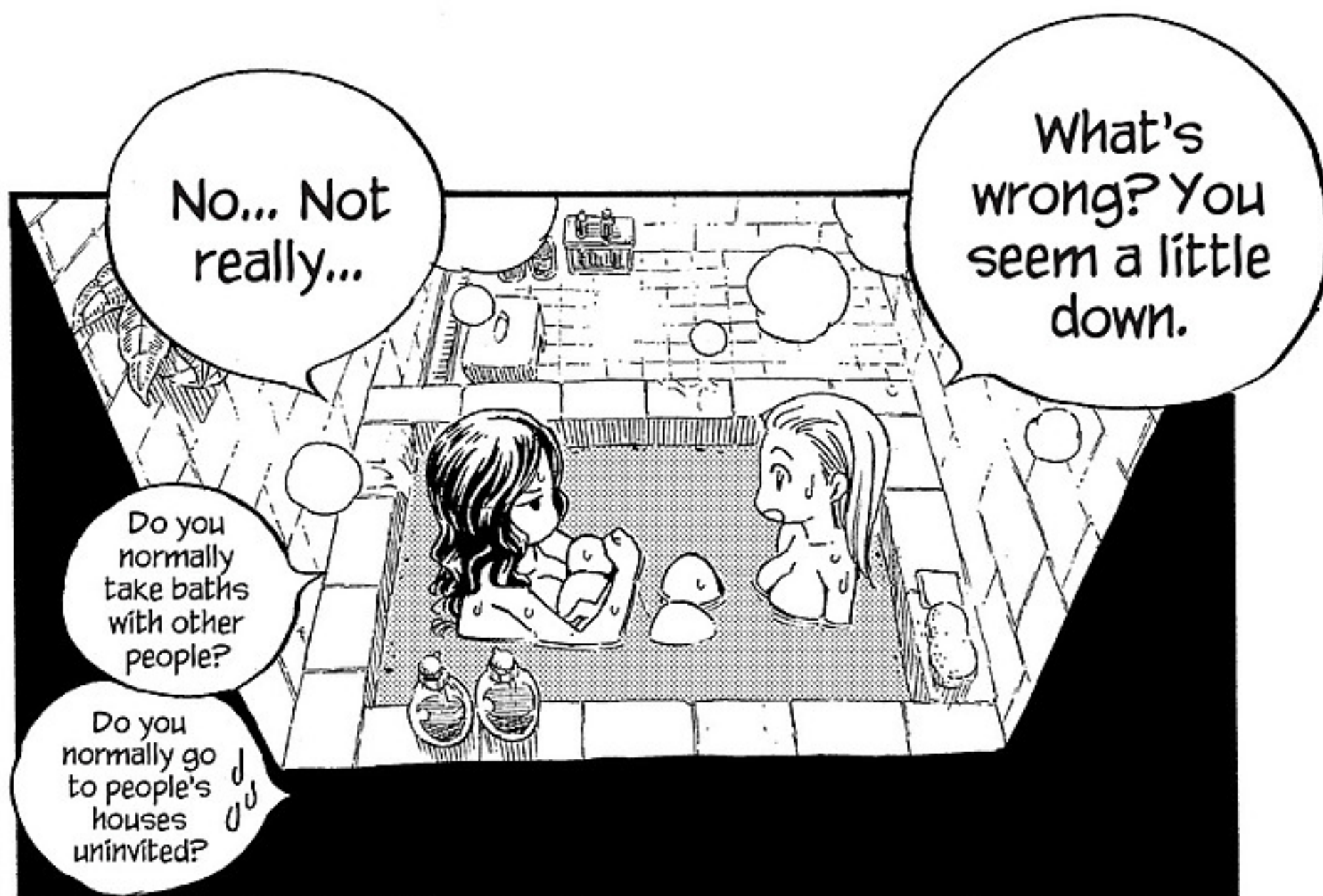
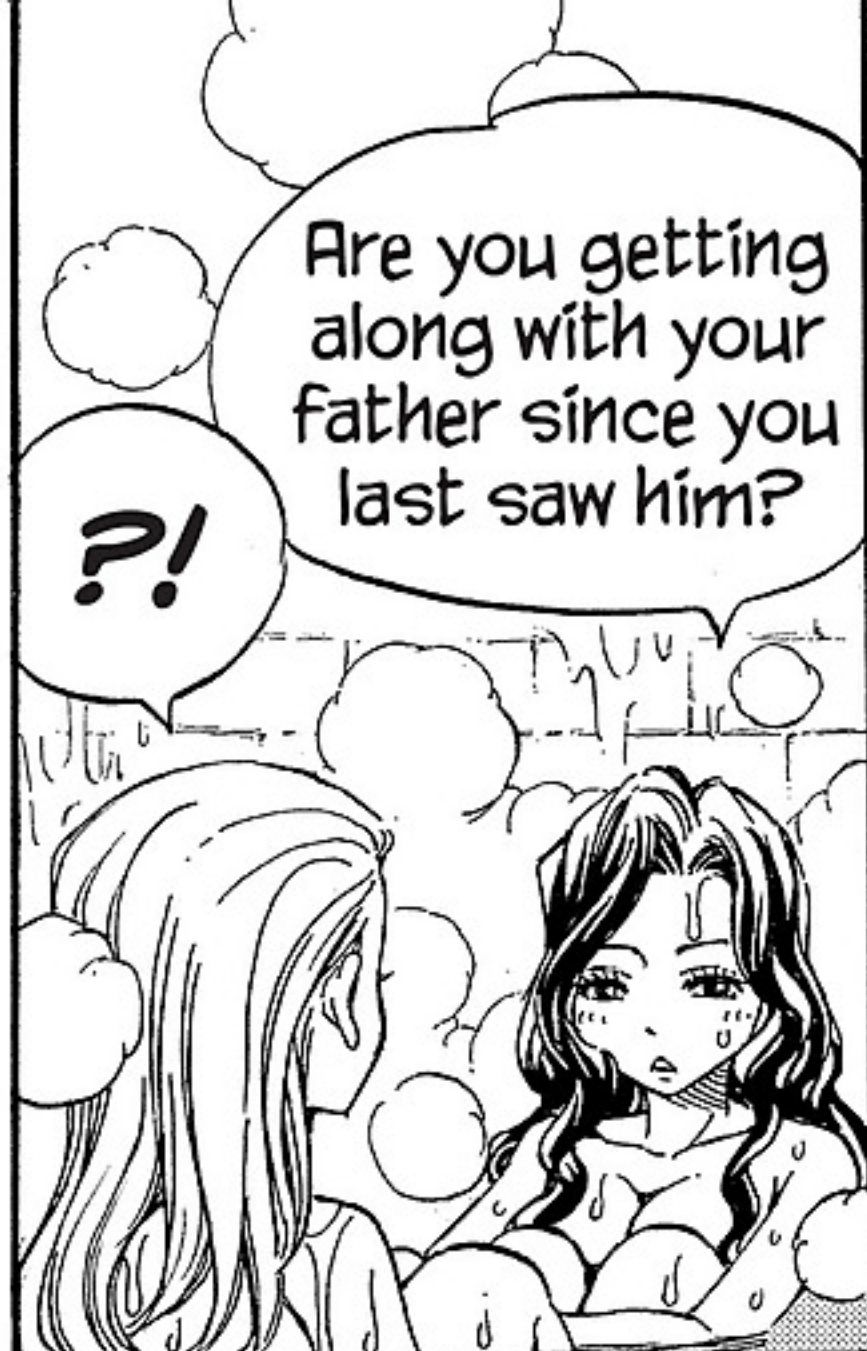


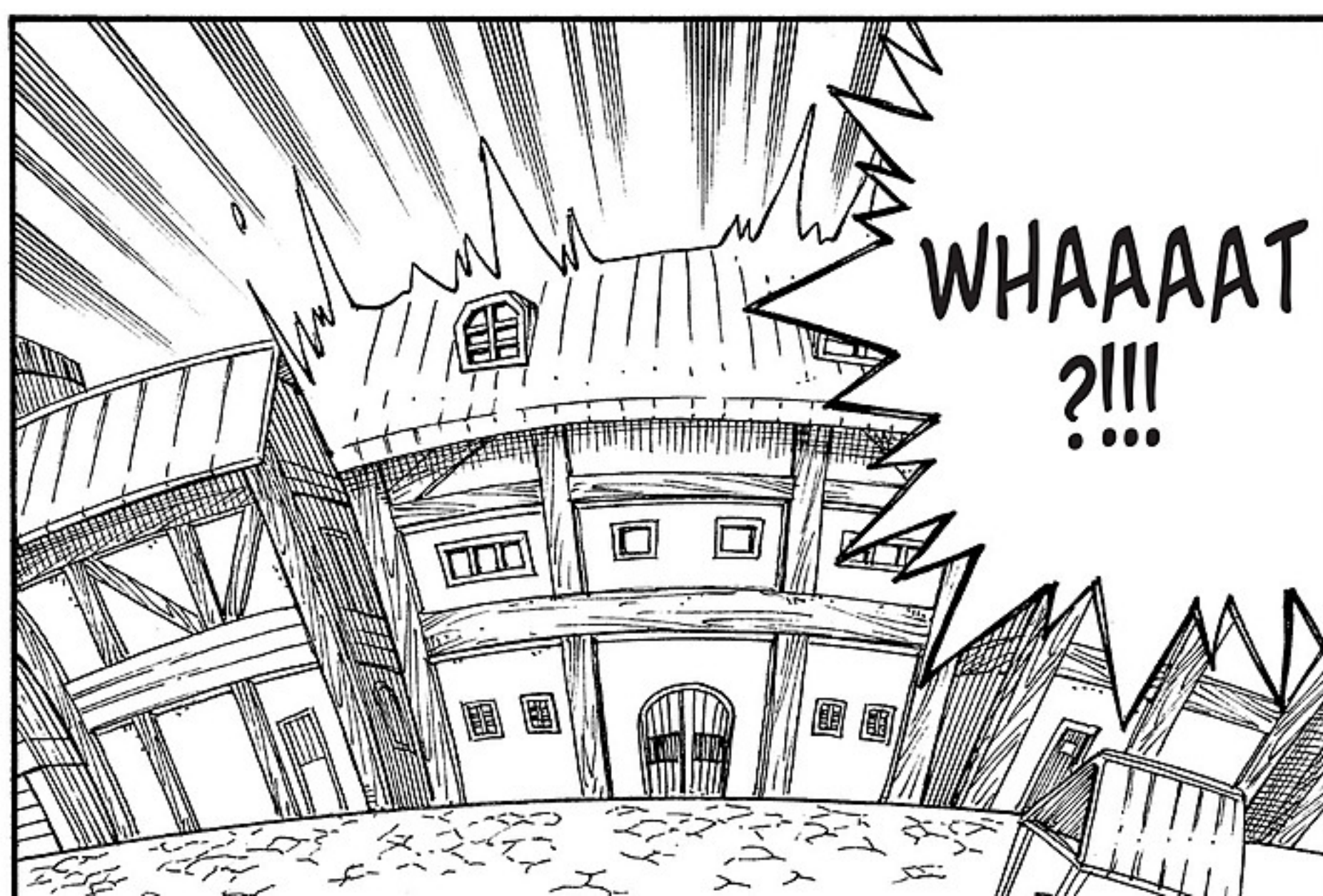
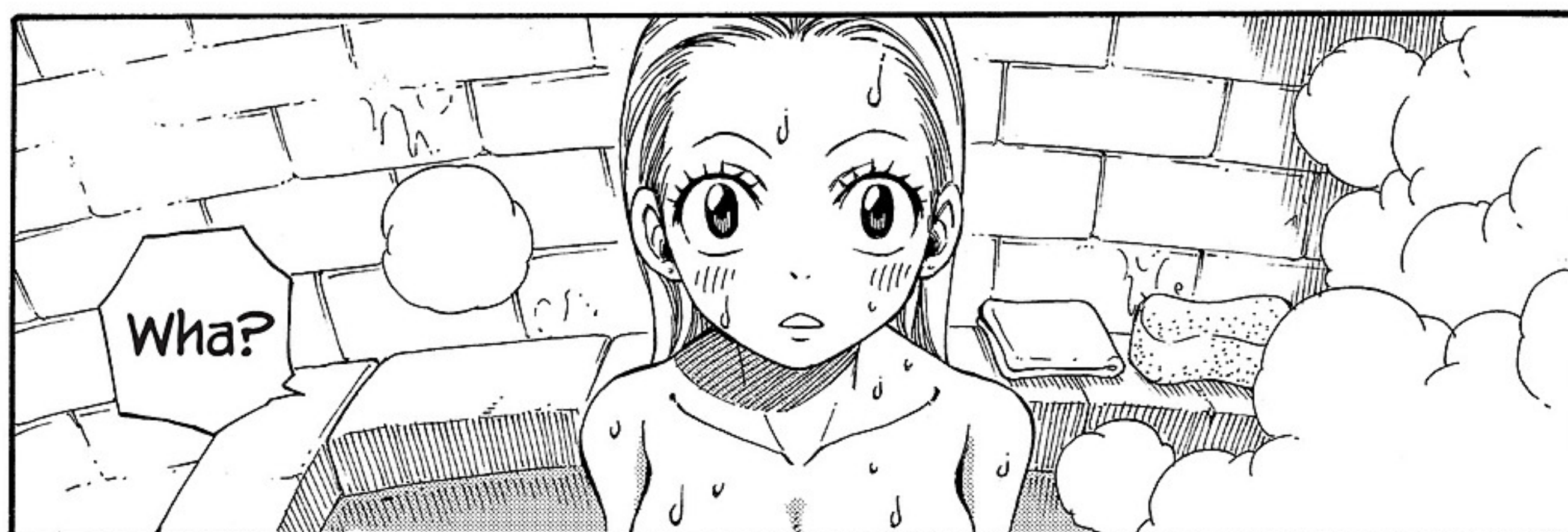
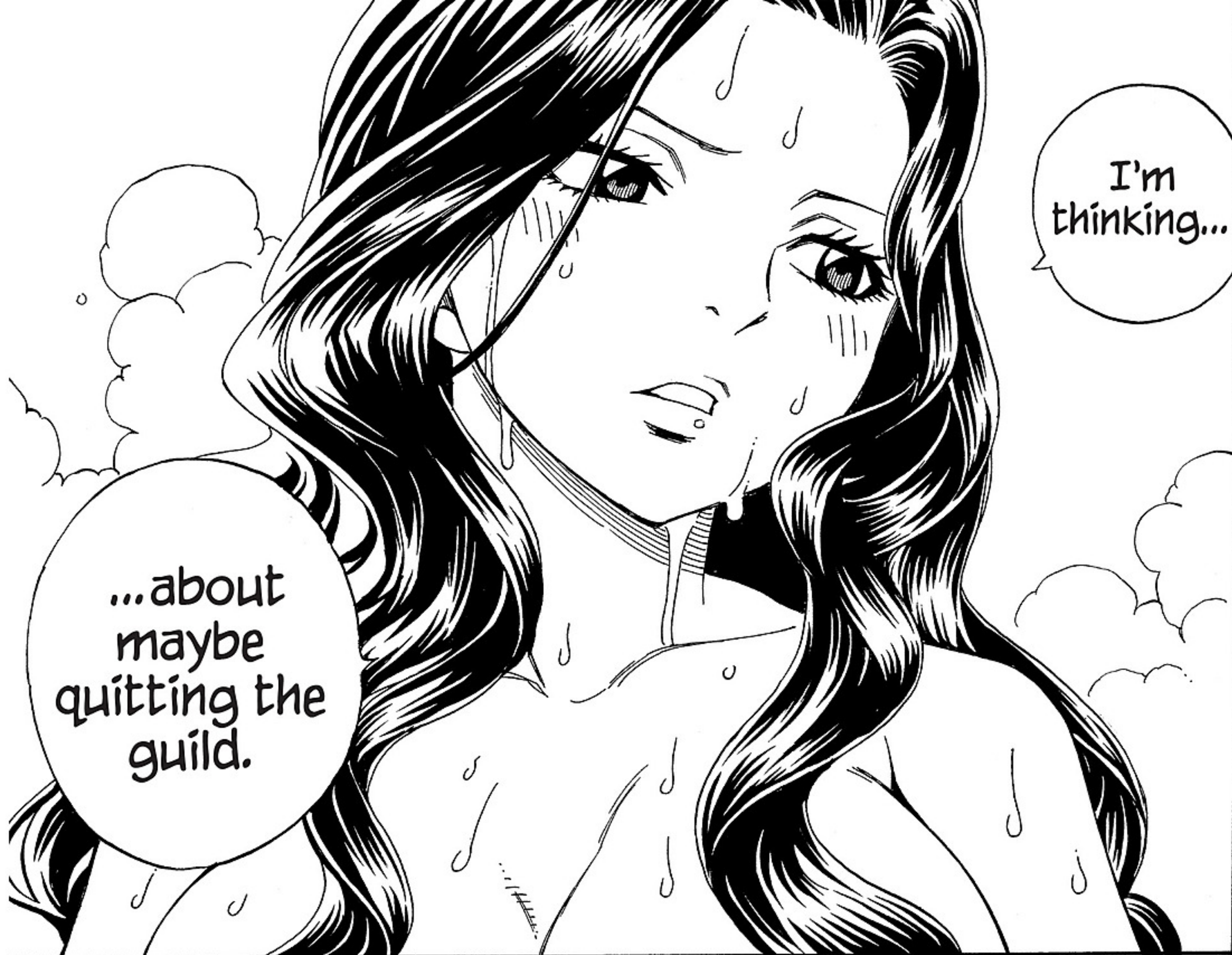
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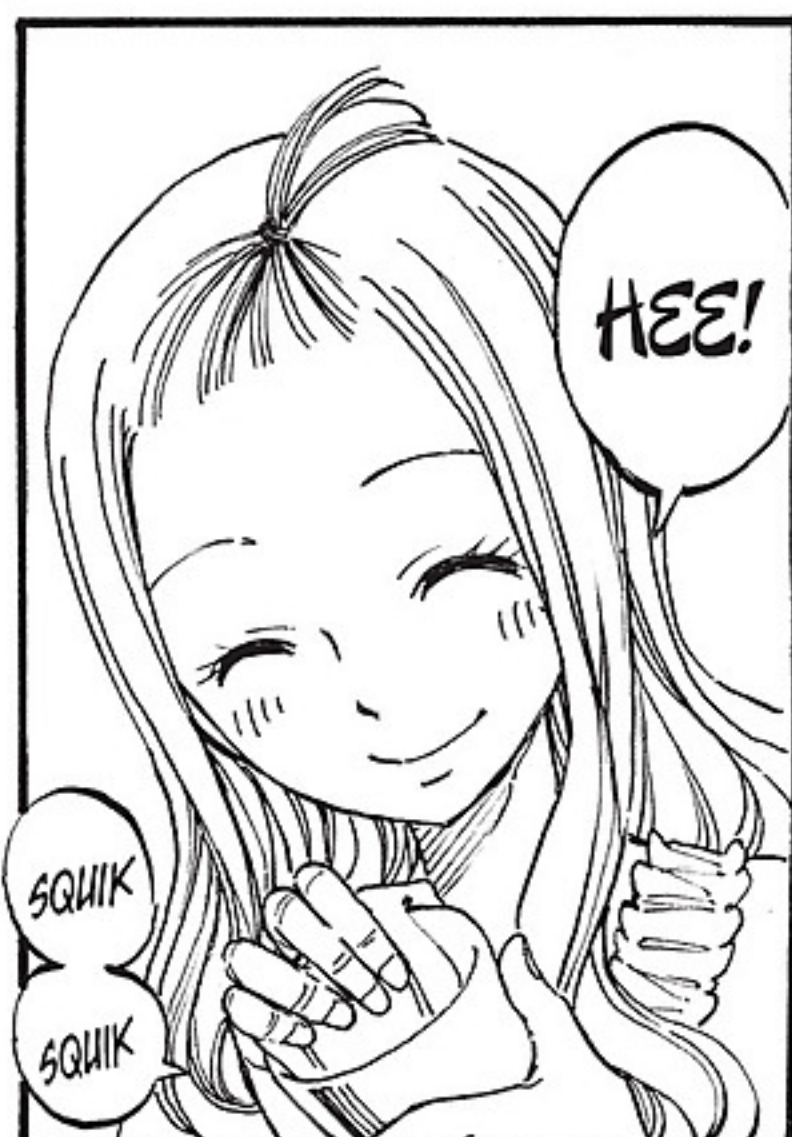
The younger sister of Mirajane and Elfman, and a childhood friend of Natsu's. She and Natsu together helped keep Happy's egg warm. Two years ago, everyone thought she had lost her life on a job, but actually she was transported and had to live in Edolas. Even though people like Lucy and Juvia entered the guild while Lisanna was gone, she knew versions of them in Edolas, so she was quick to adapt. Basically an upbeat person, she opened up to everyone in the guild soon after her return.







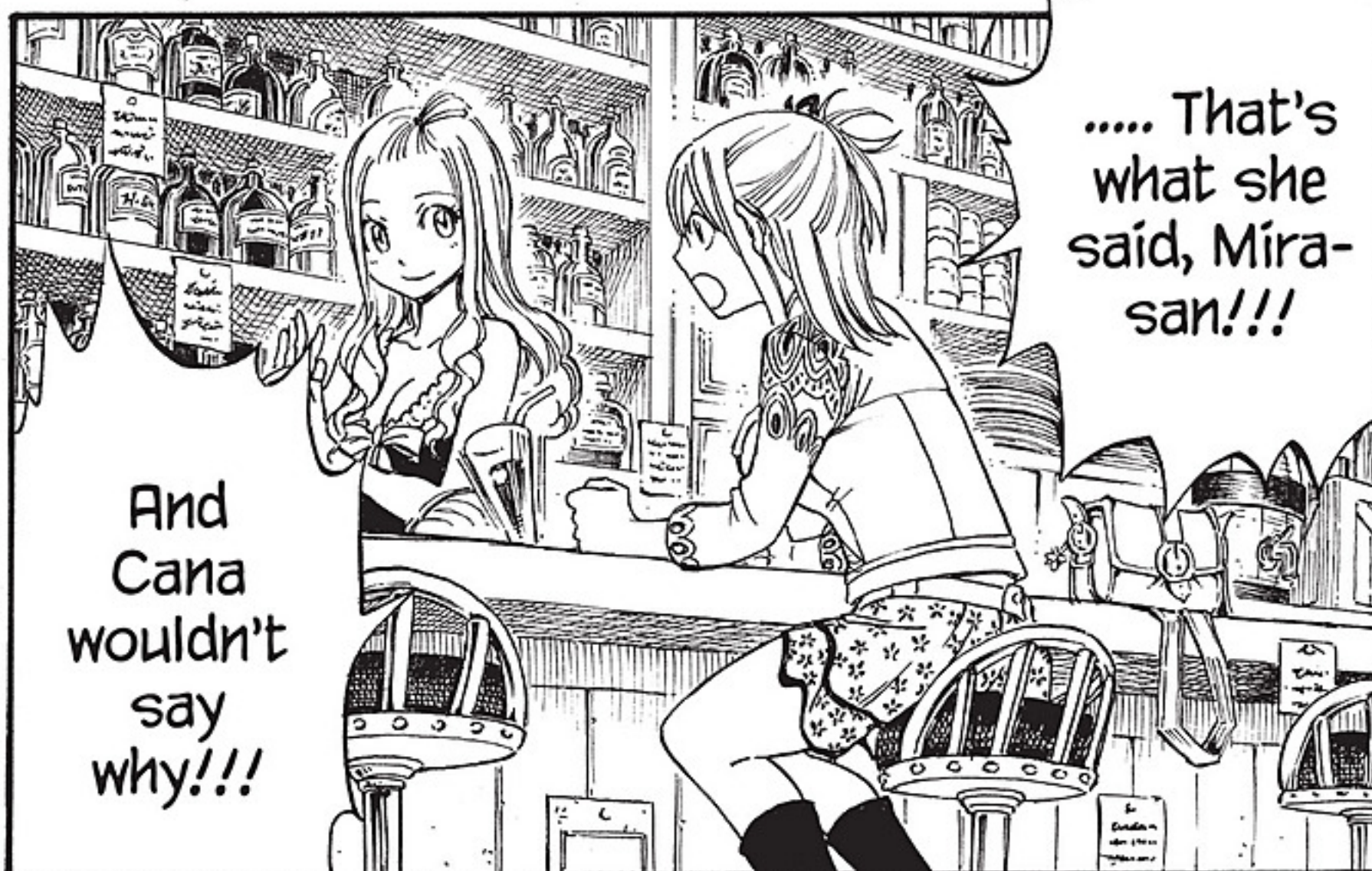




HEE!

SQUIK

SQUIK

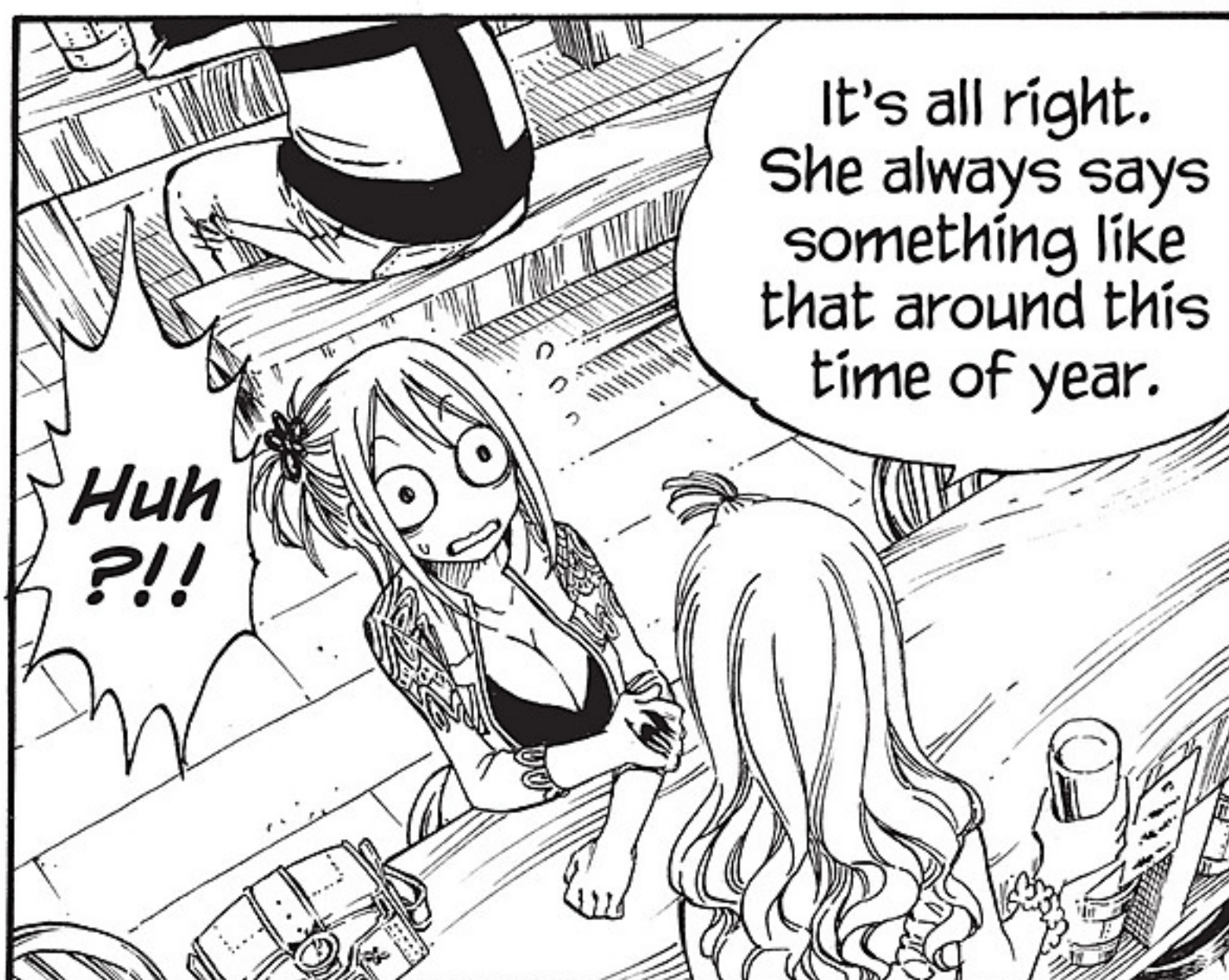


And
Cana
wouldn't
say
why!!!

..... That's
what she
said, Mira-
san!!!

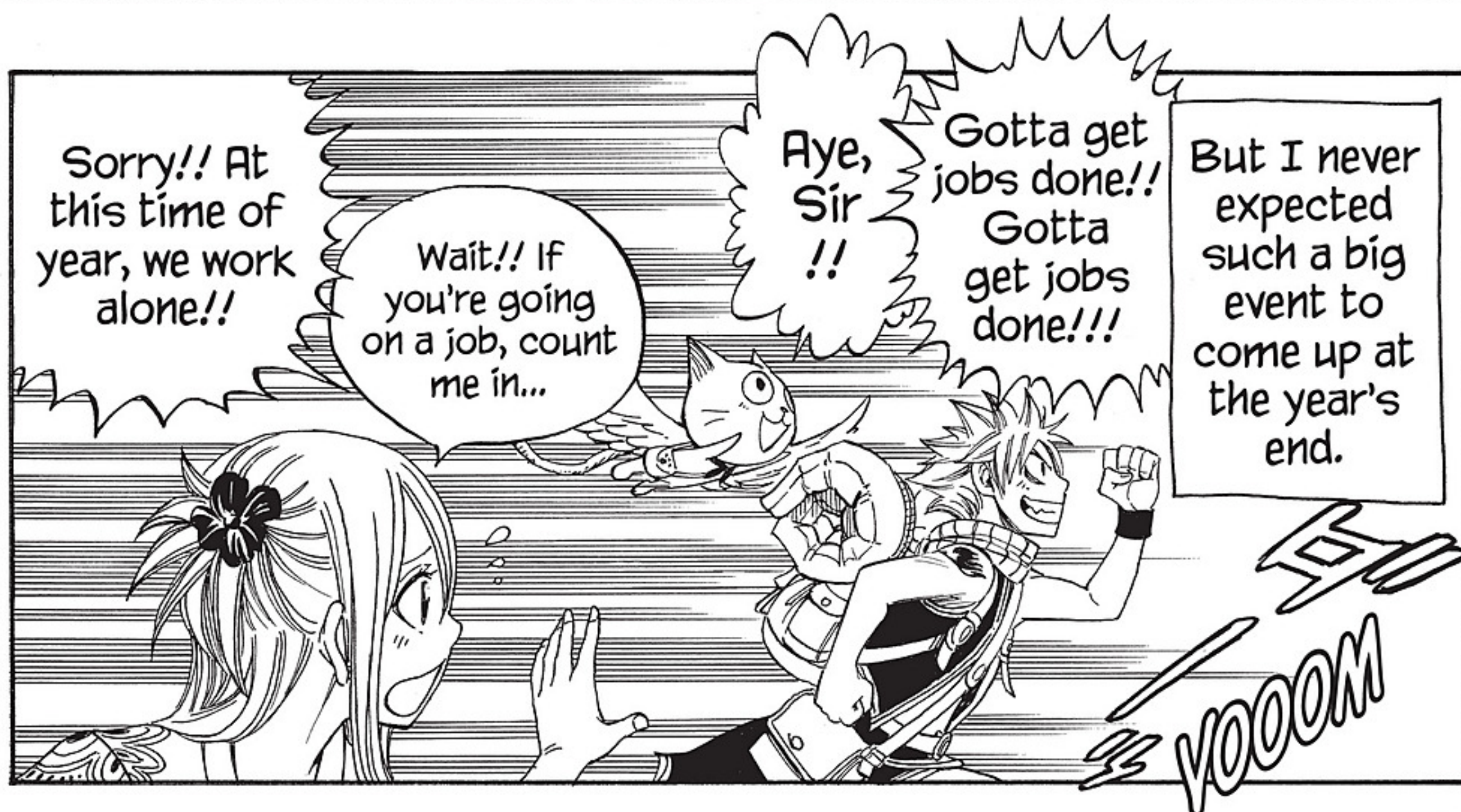


It'll soon be
about half a
year since I
entered Fairy
Tail.



Huh
?!!

It's all right.
She always says
something like
that around this
time of year.



Sorry!! At
this time of
year, we work
alone!!

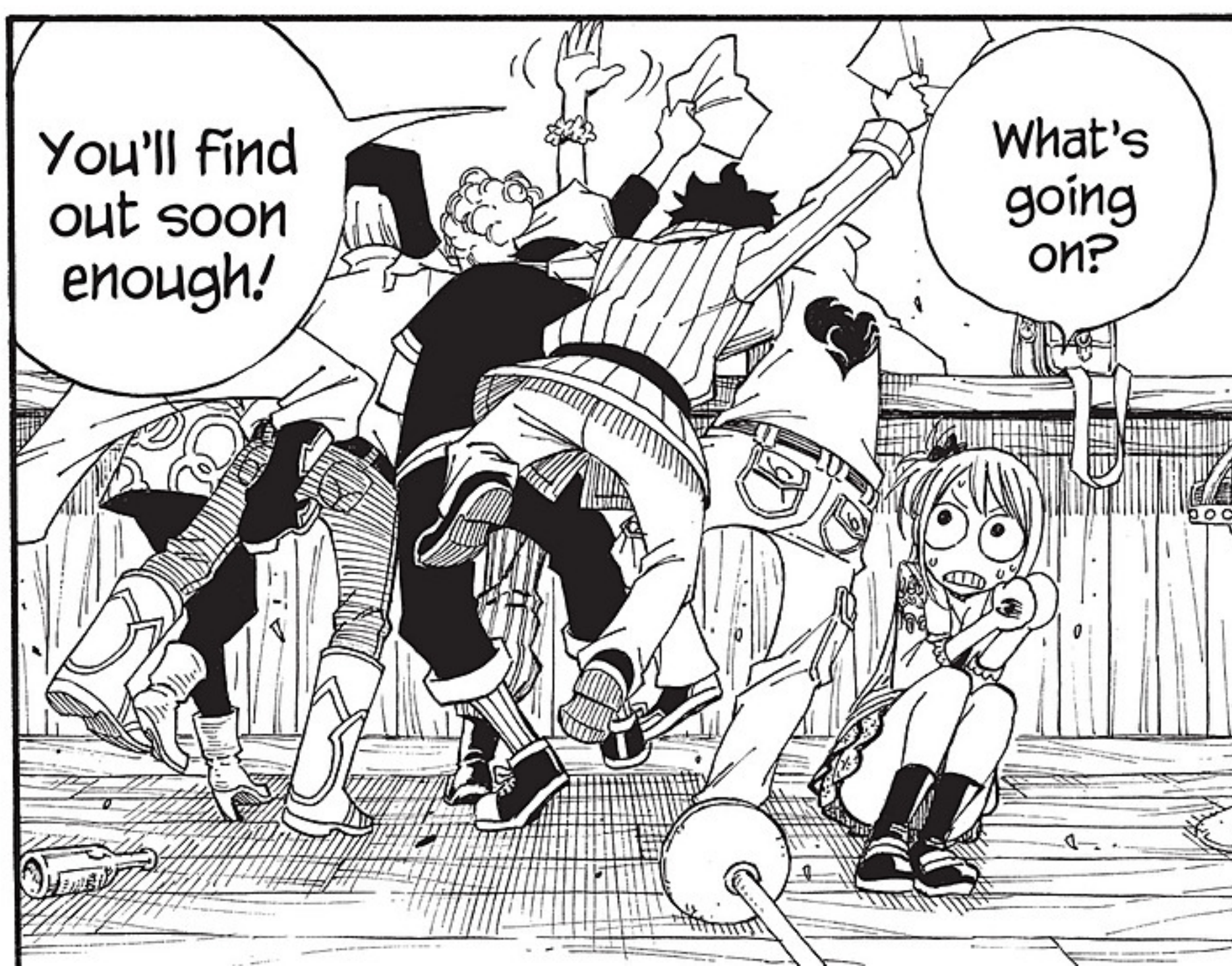
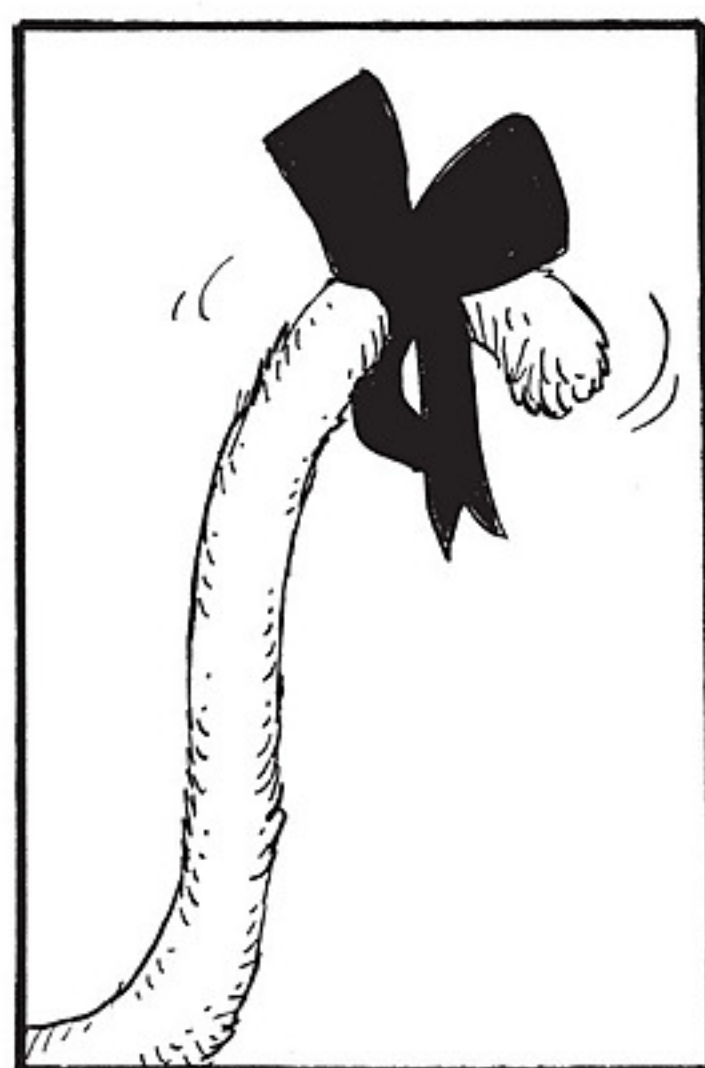
Wait!! If
you're going
on a job, count
me in...

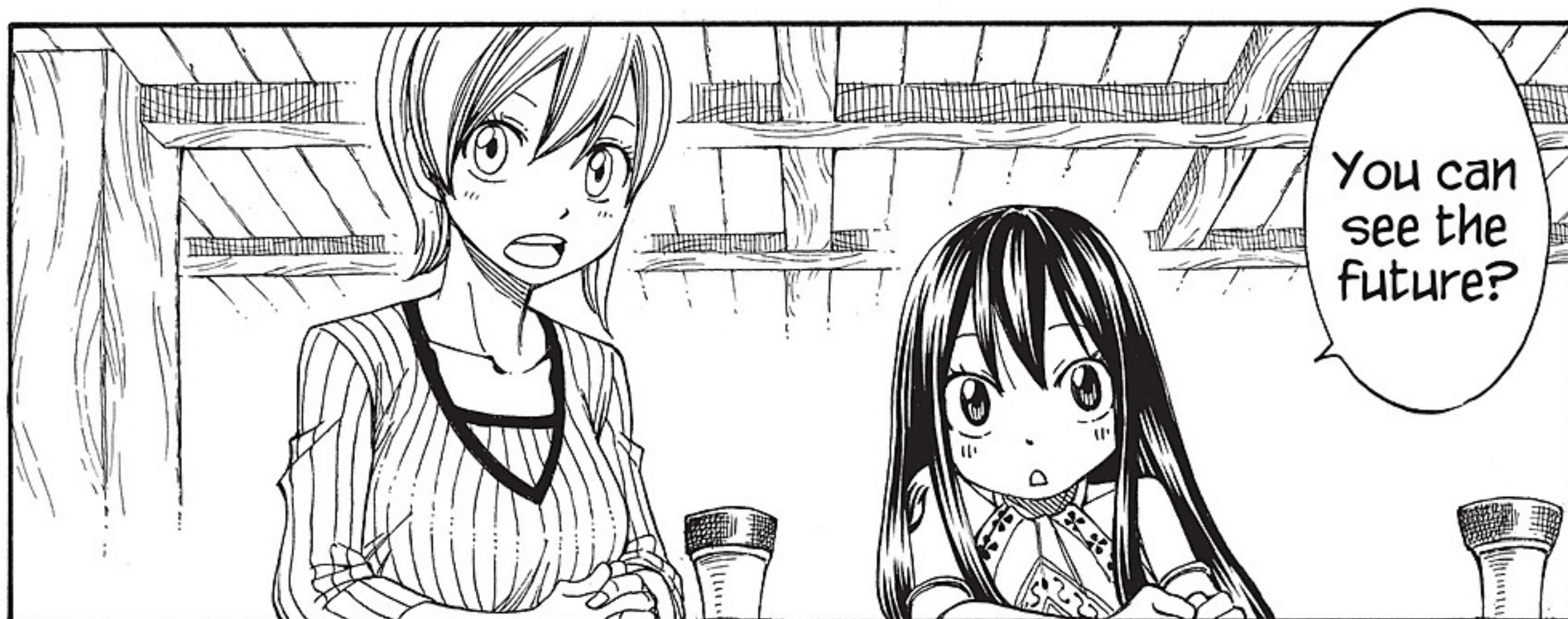
Aye,
Sir
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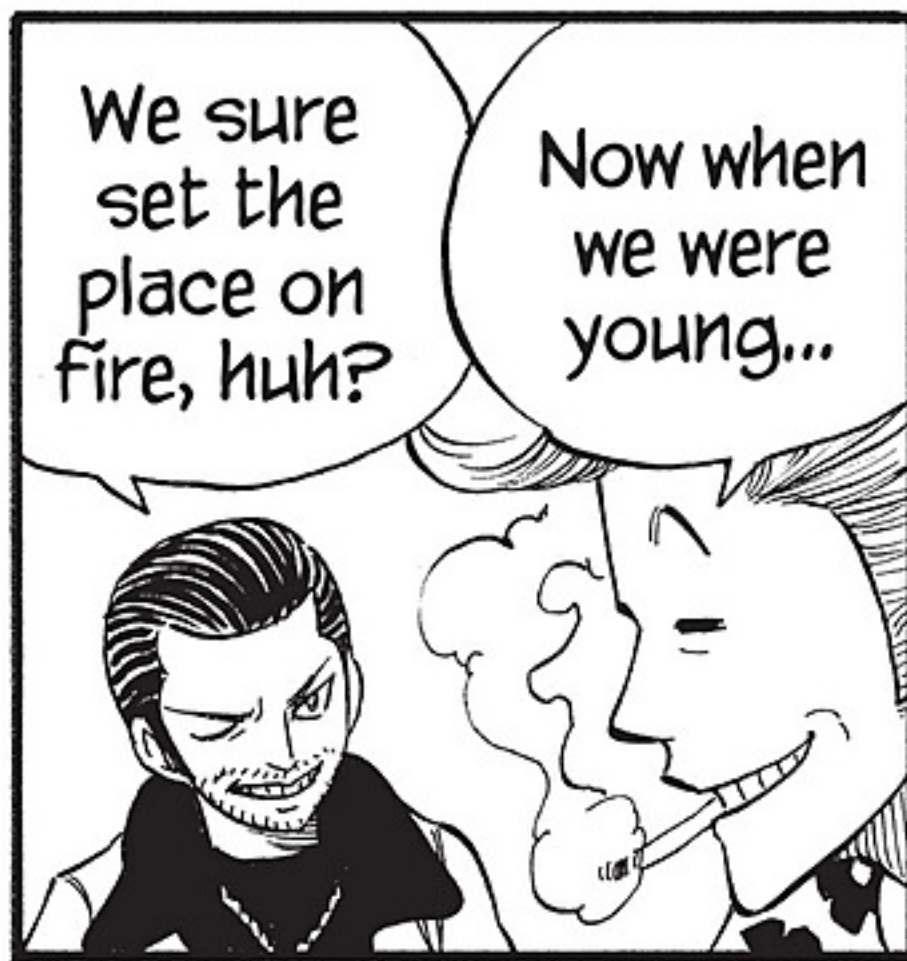
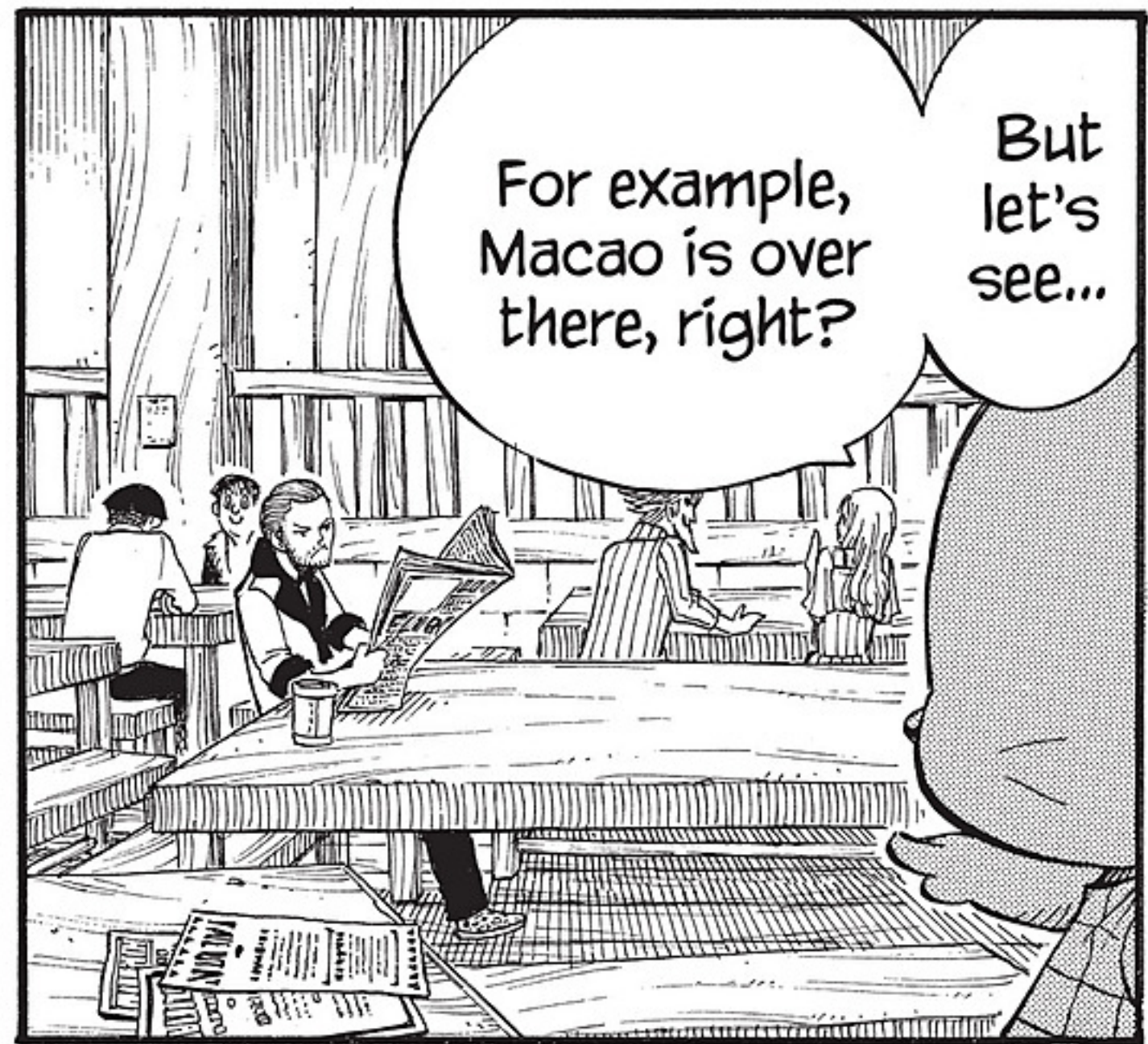
Gotta get
jobs done!!
Gotta
get jobs
done!!!

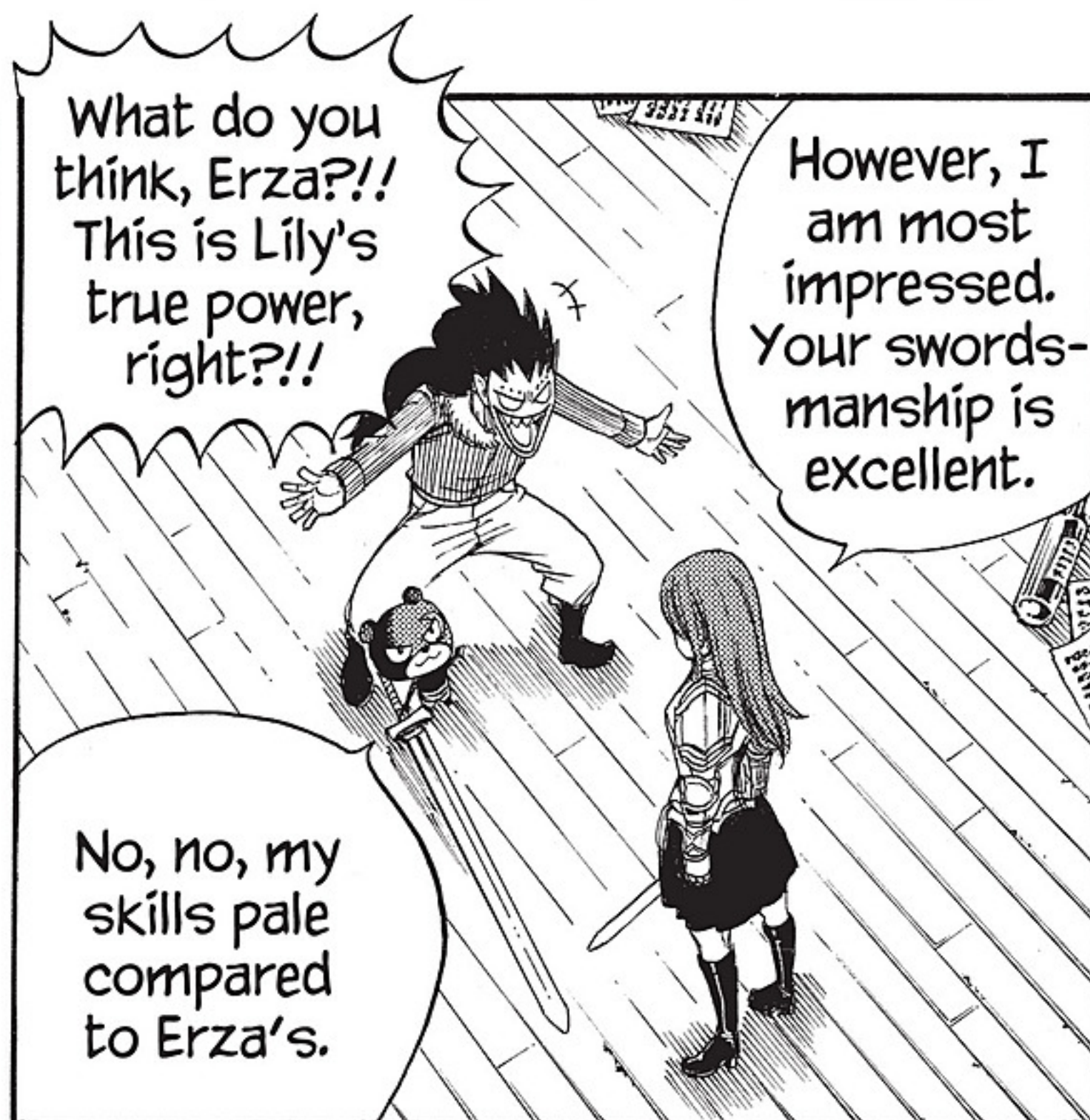
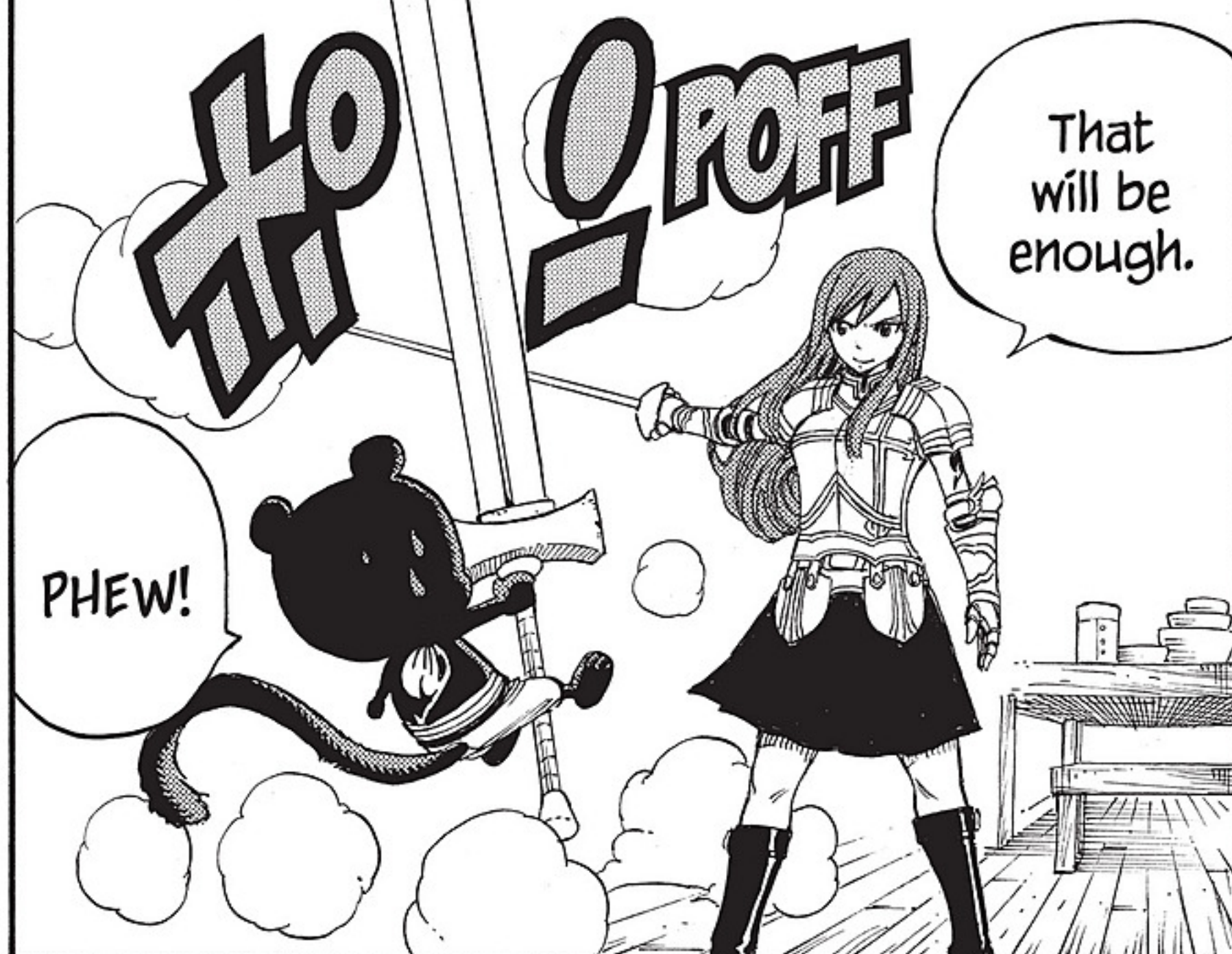
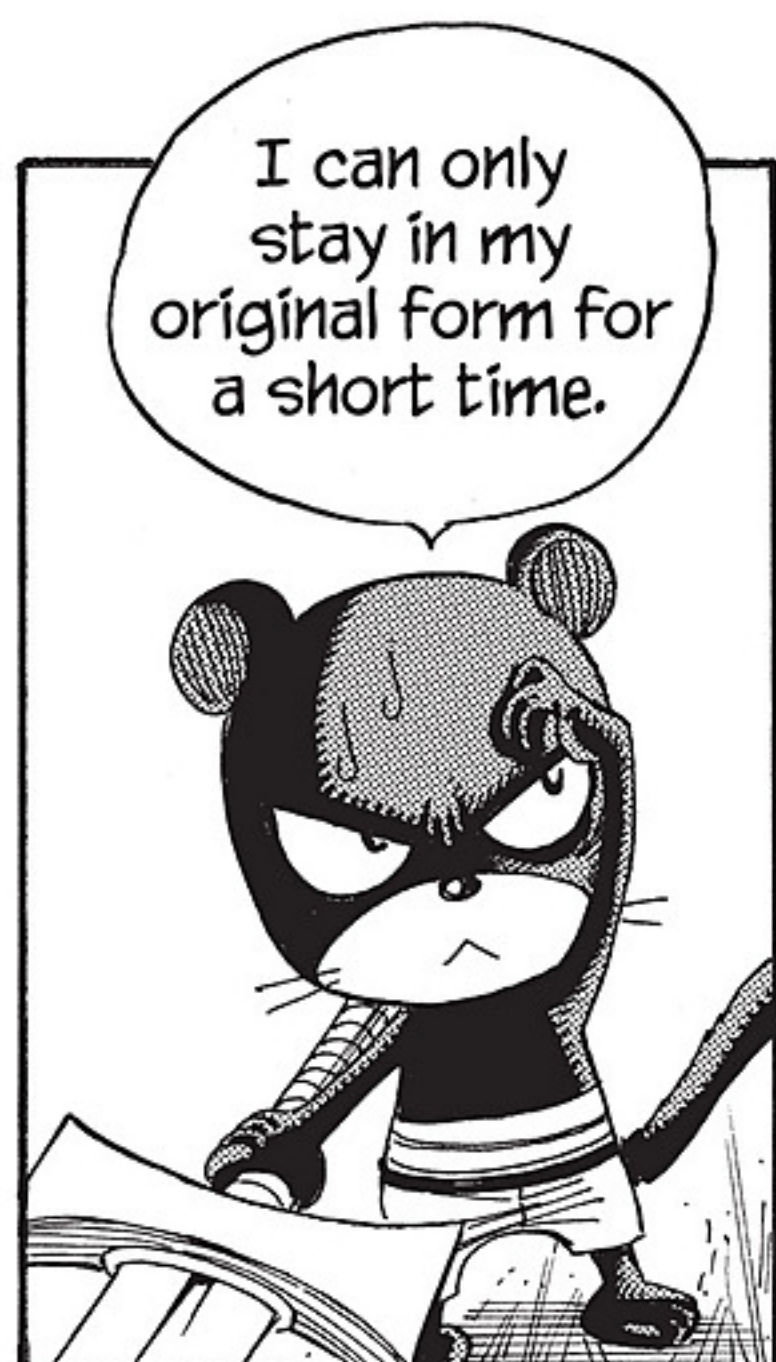
But I never
expected
such a big
event to
come up at
the year's
end.

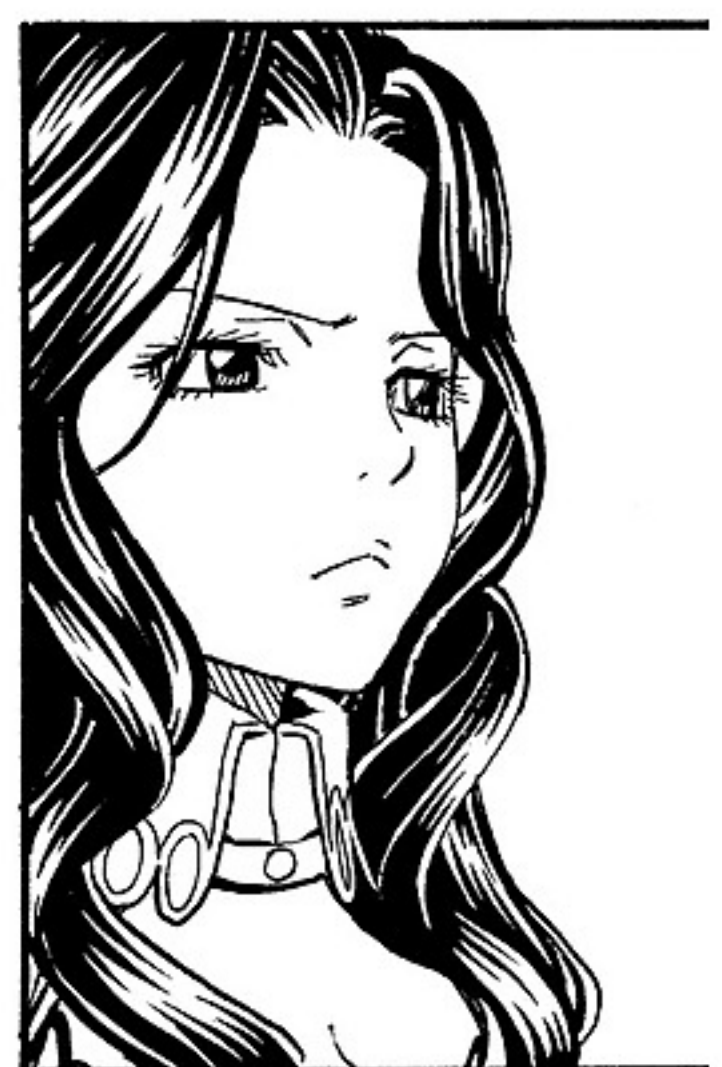
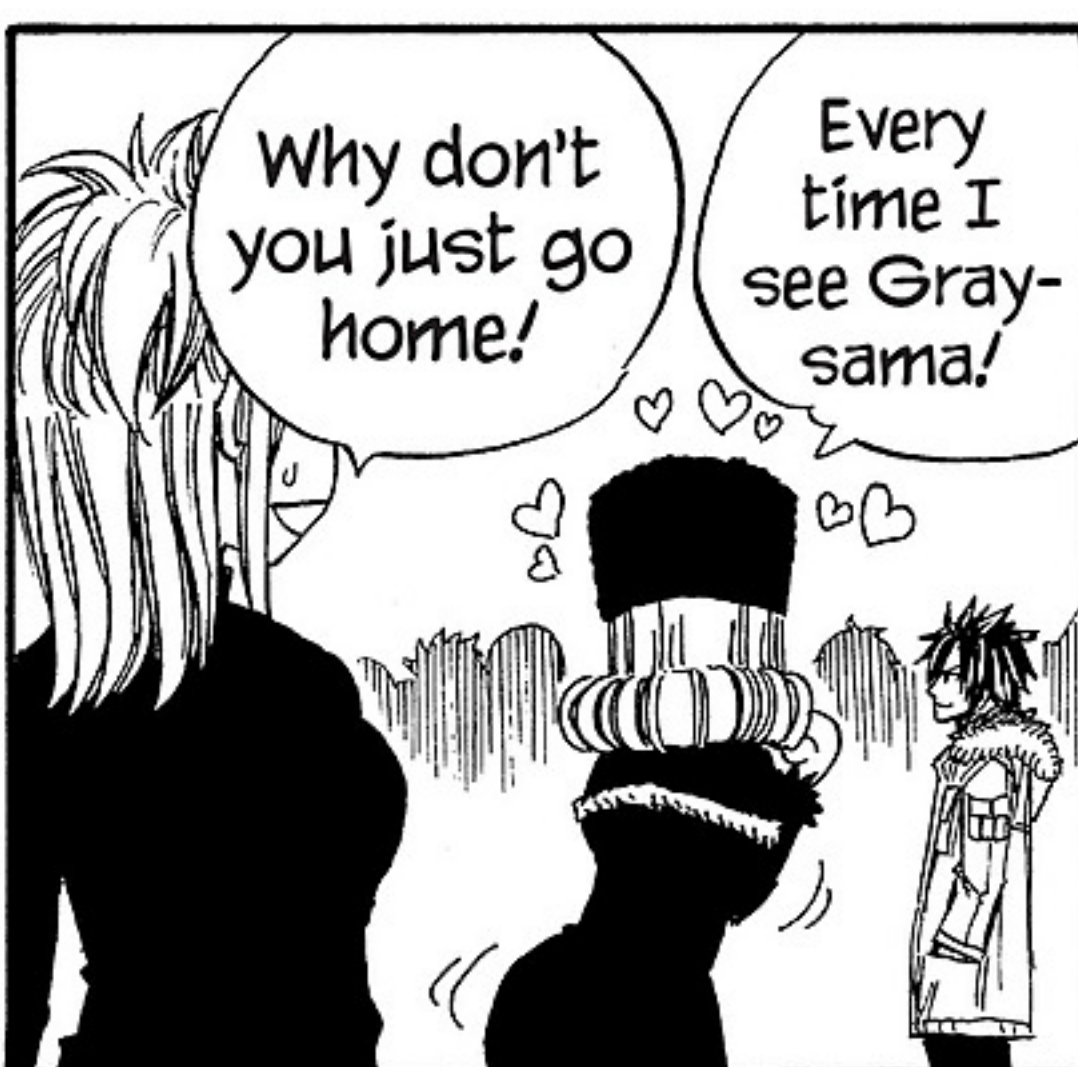
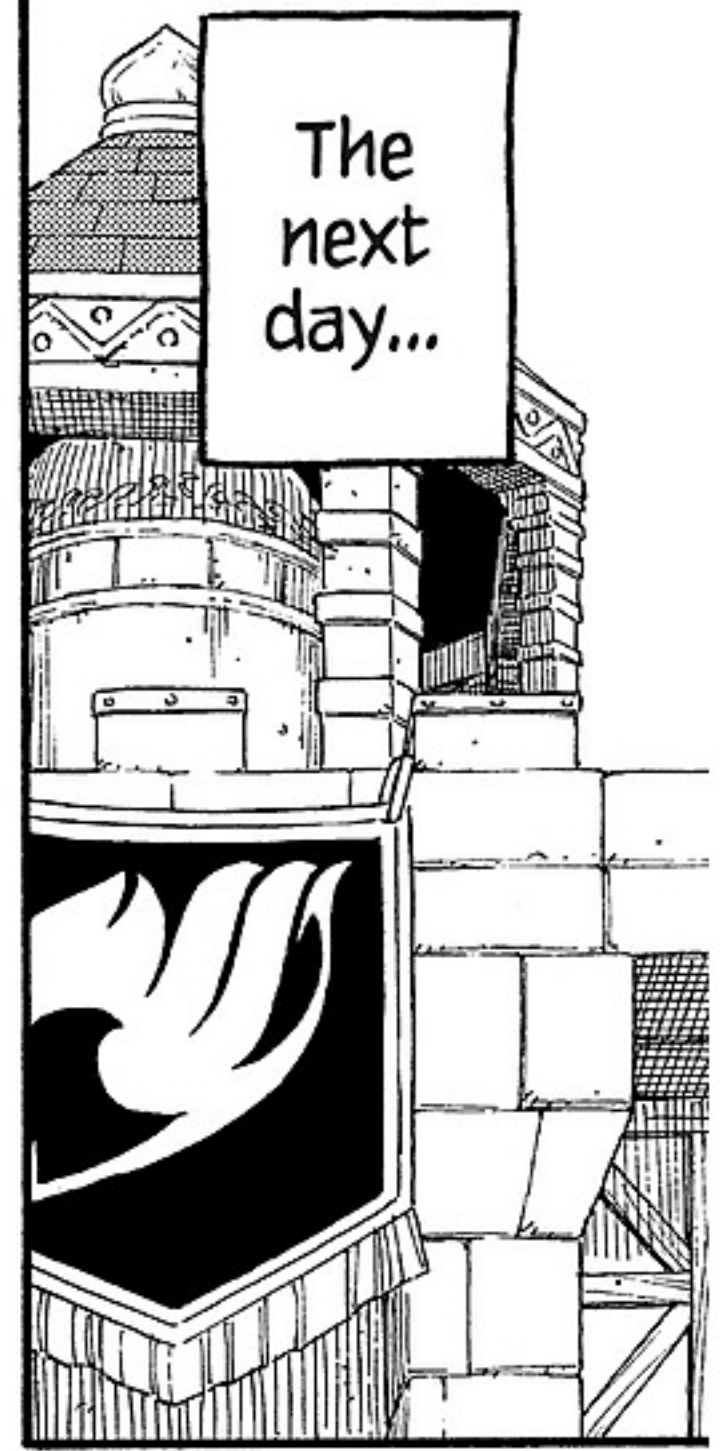
VOOOOM











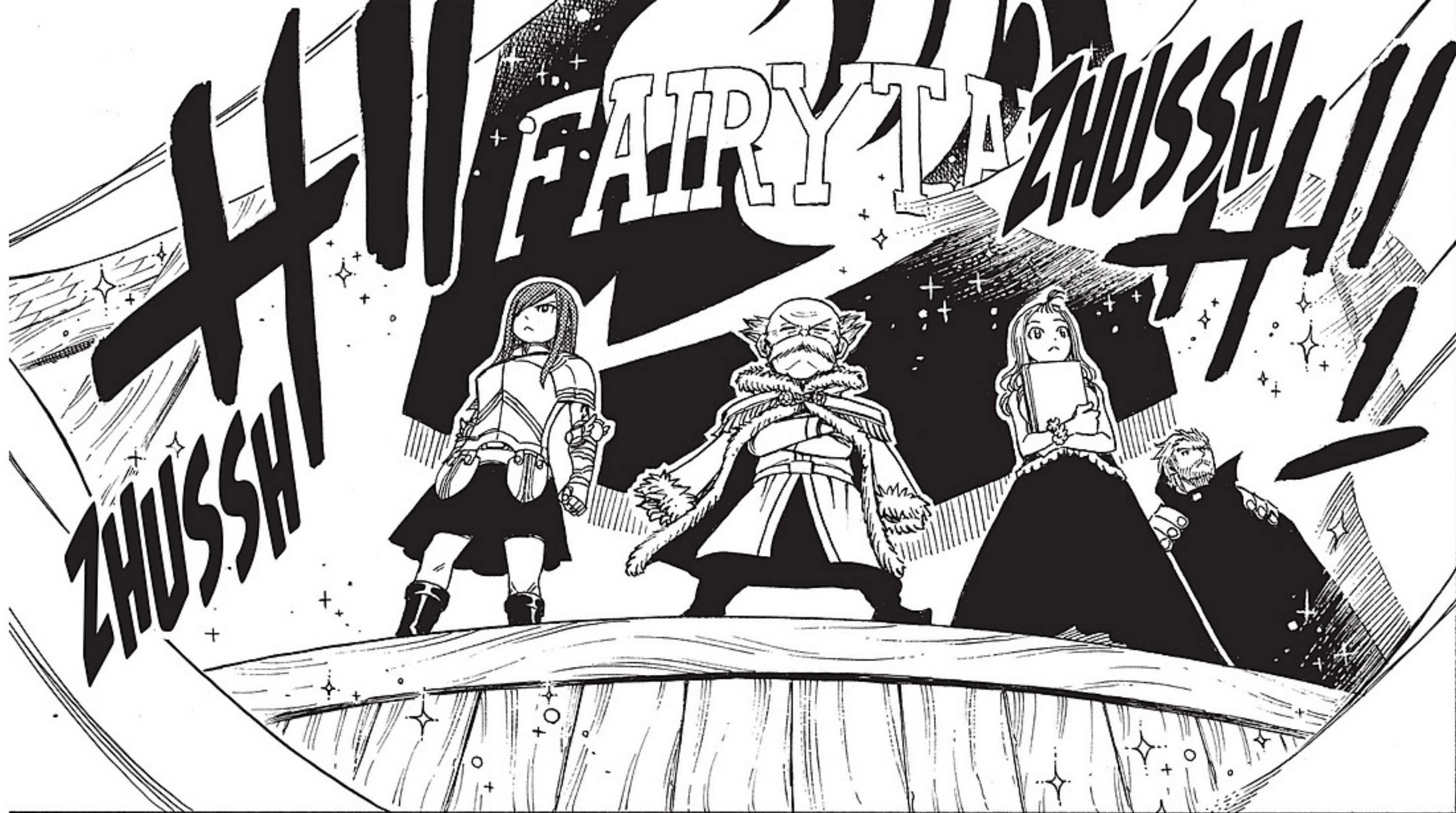
The list of
wizards eligible
to take the
S-Class Wizard
Qualification
Test!!!

FIREY TAIL

I'm
all
fired
up
!!!!

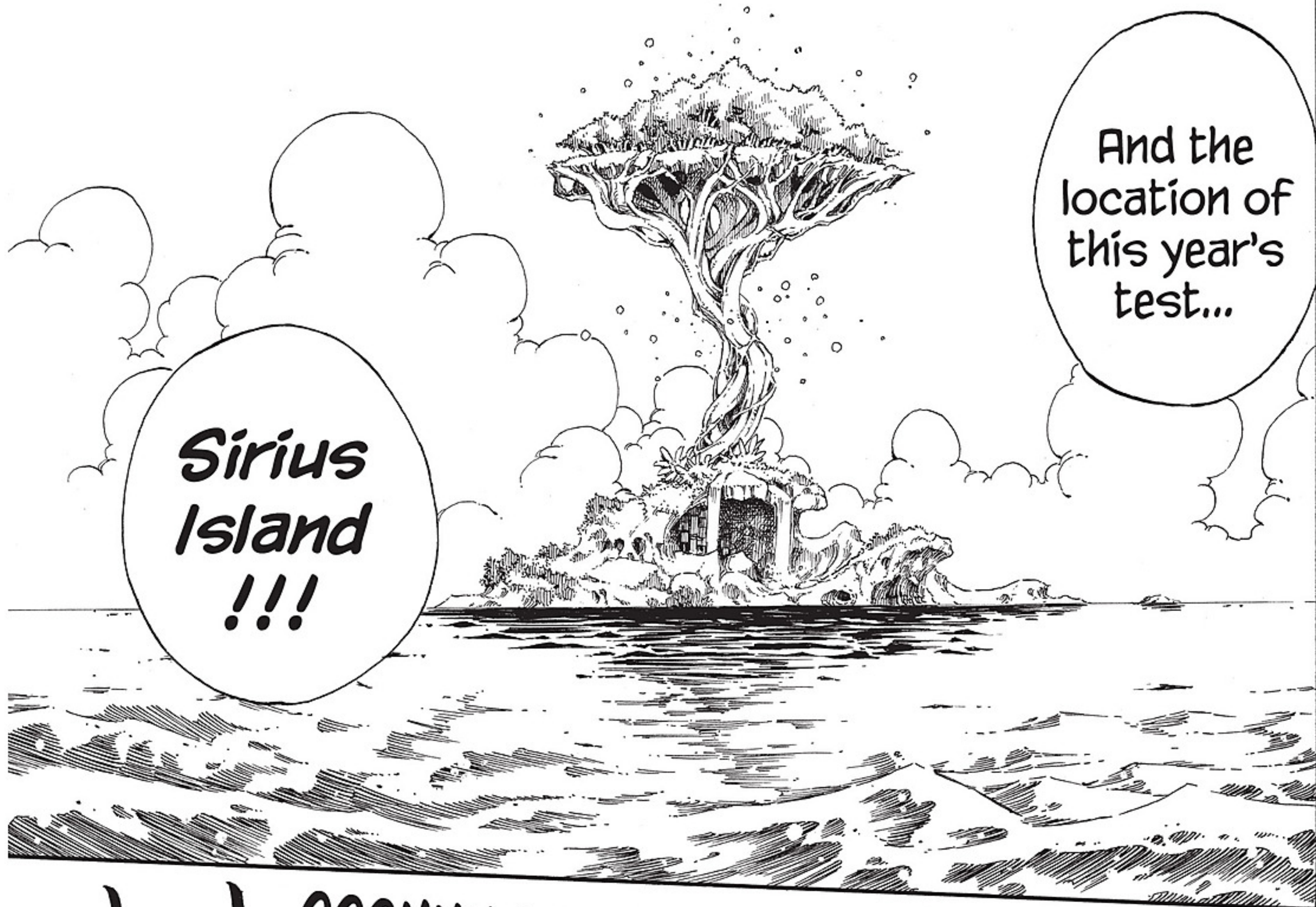
グウオアア
GWOAAH

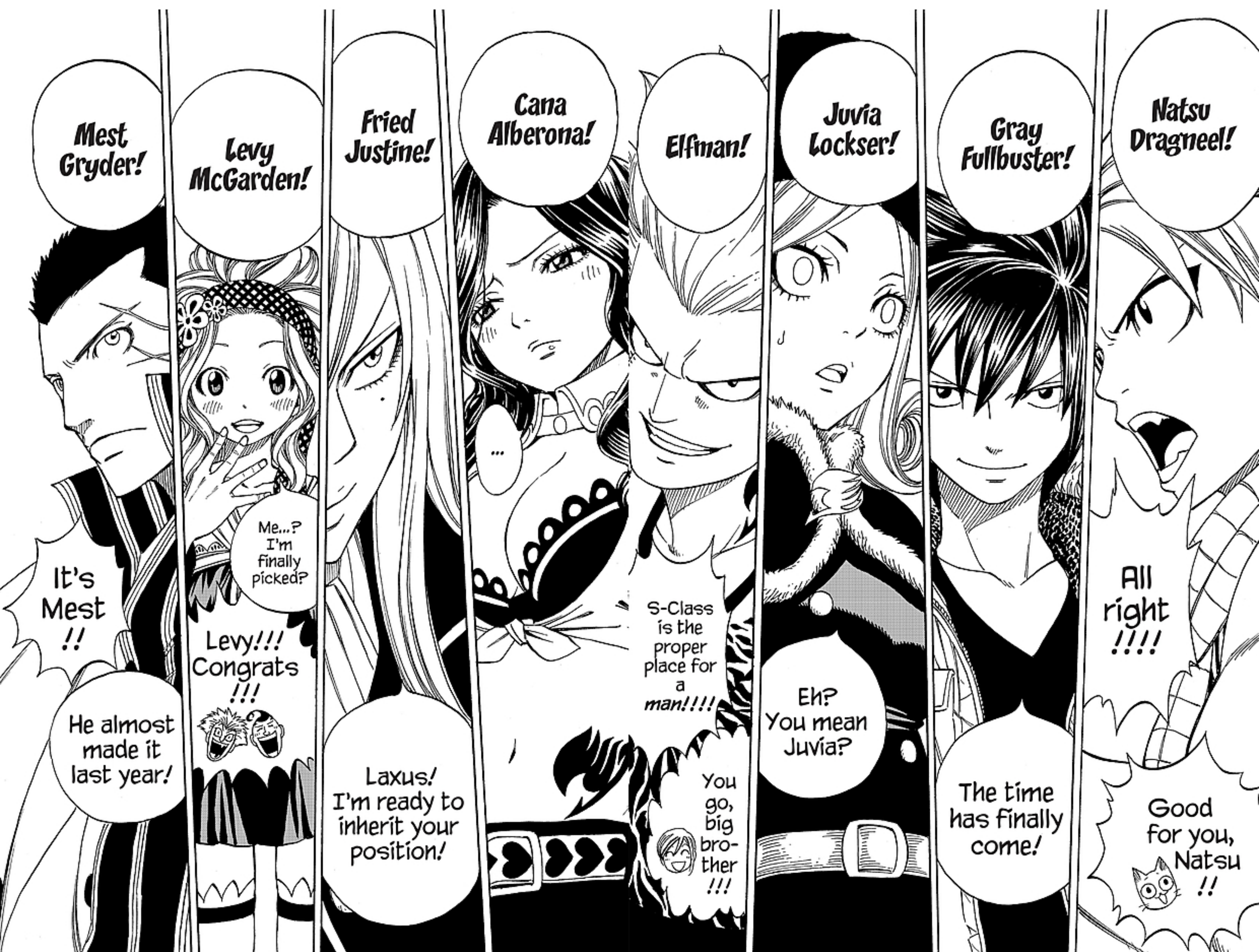
S-Class
Wizard
Qualifi-
cation
Test
?!!



In an ancient tradition of Fairy Tail....







**Mest
Gryder!**

**Levy
McGarden!**

**Fried
Justine!**

**Cana
Alberona!**

Elfman!

**Juvia
Lockser!**

**Gray
Fullbuster!**

**Natsu
Dragneel!**

It's
Mest
!!

He almost
made it
last year!

Me...?
I'm
finally
picked?

Levy!!!
Congrats
!!!

Lexus!
I'm ready to
inherit your
position!

...

S-Class
is the
proper
place for
a
man!!!!

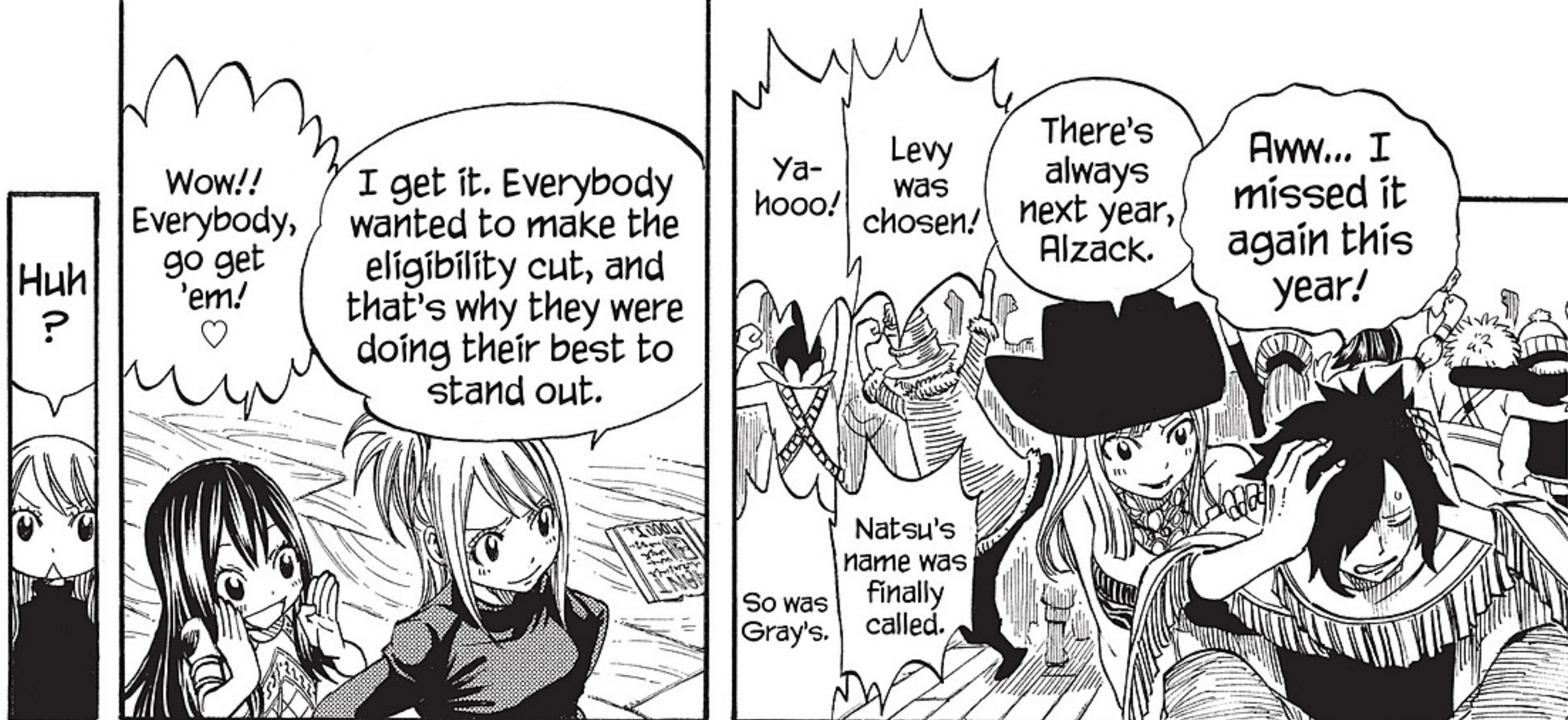
You
go,
big
bro-
ther
!!!

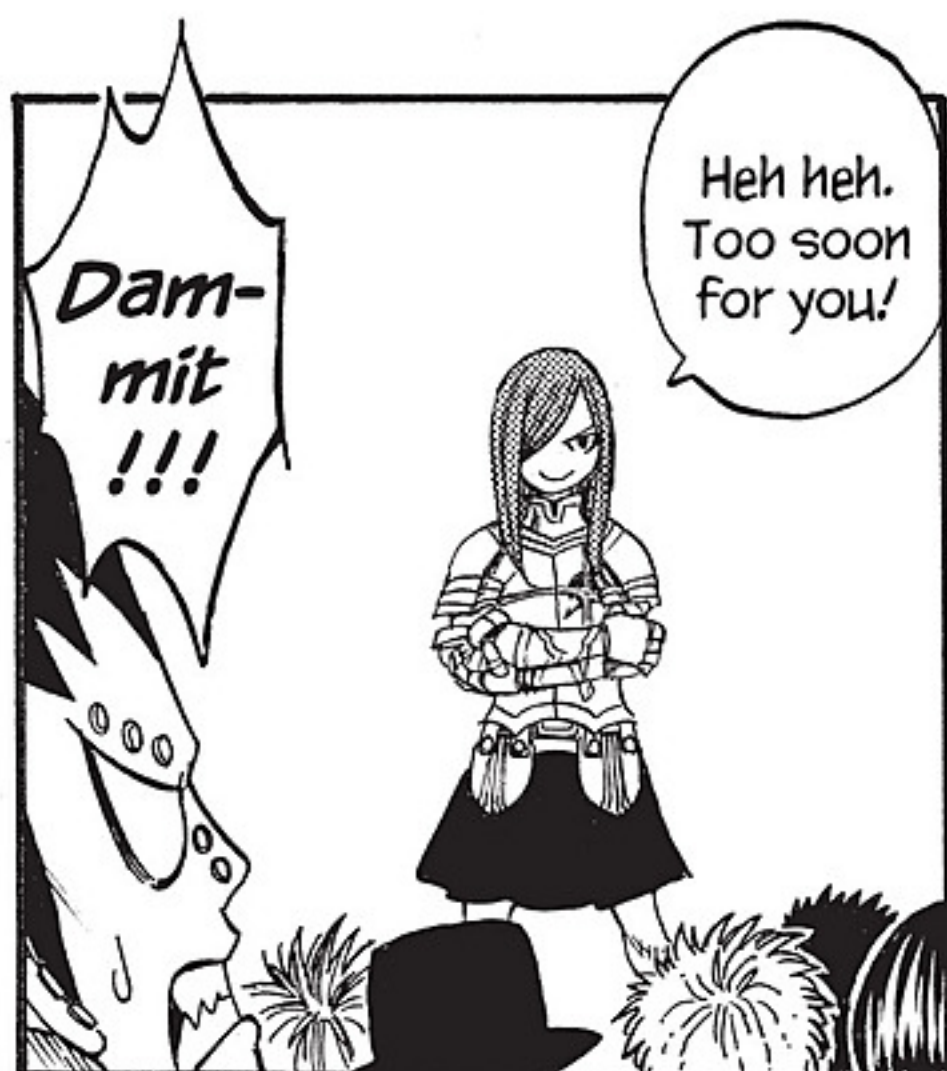
Eh?
You mean
Juvia?

The time
has finally
come!

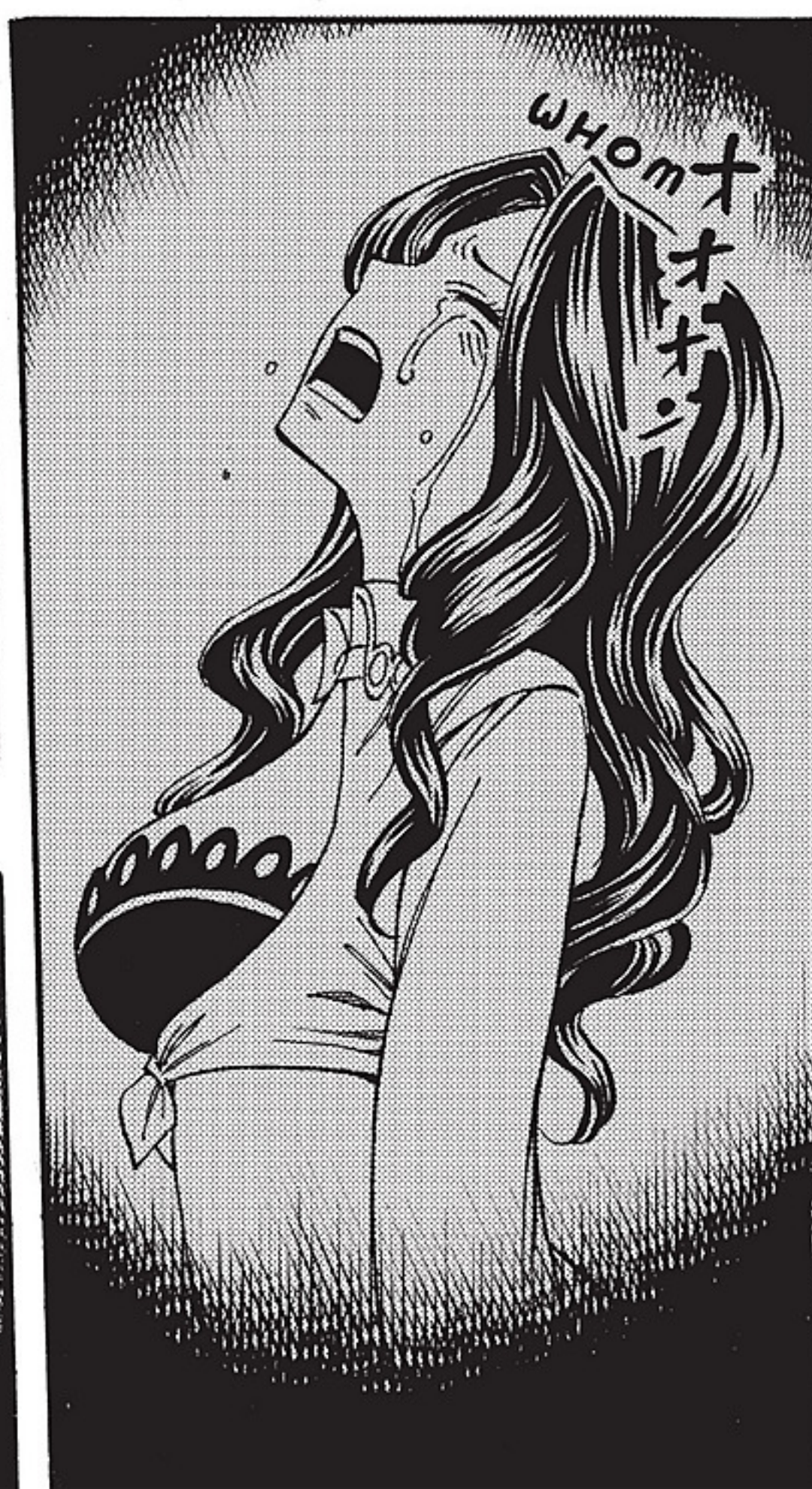
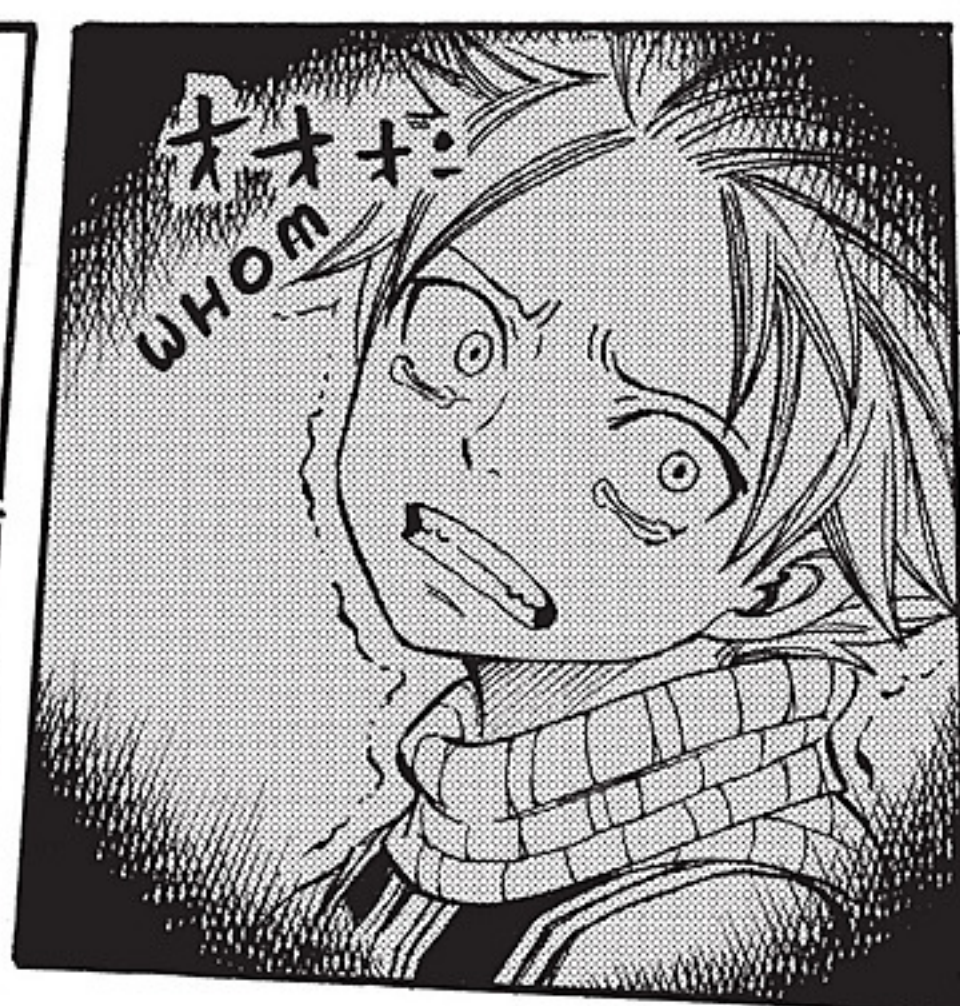
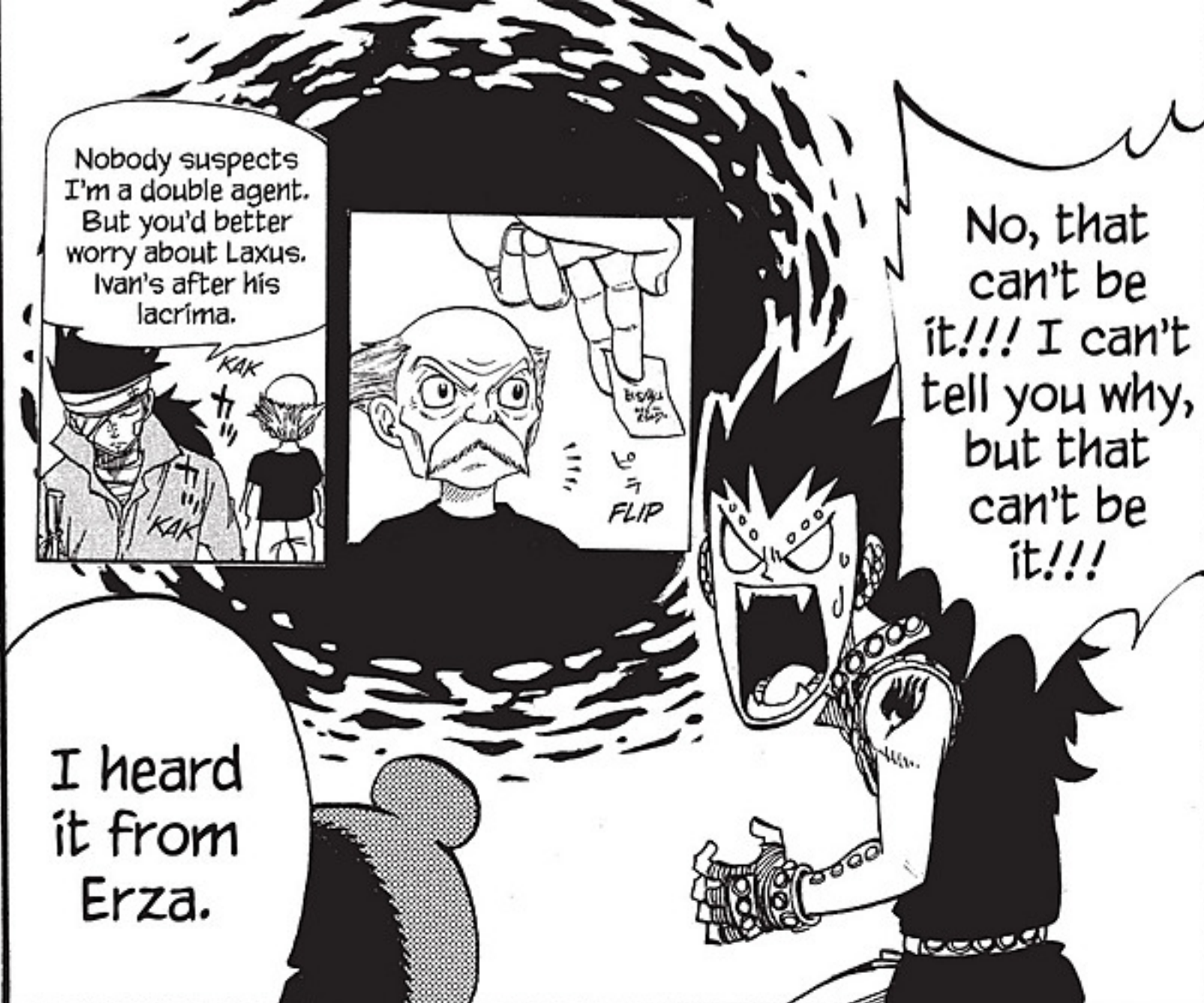
All
right
!!!!

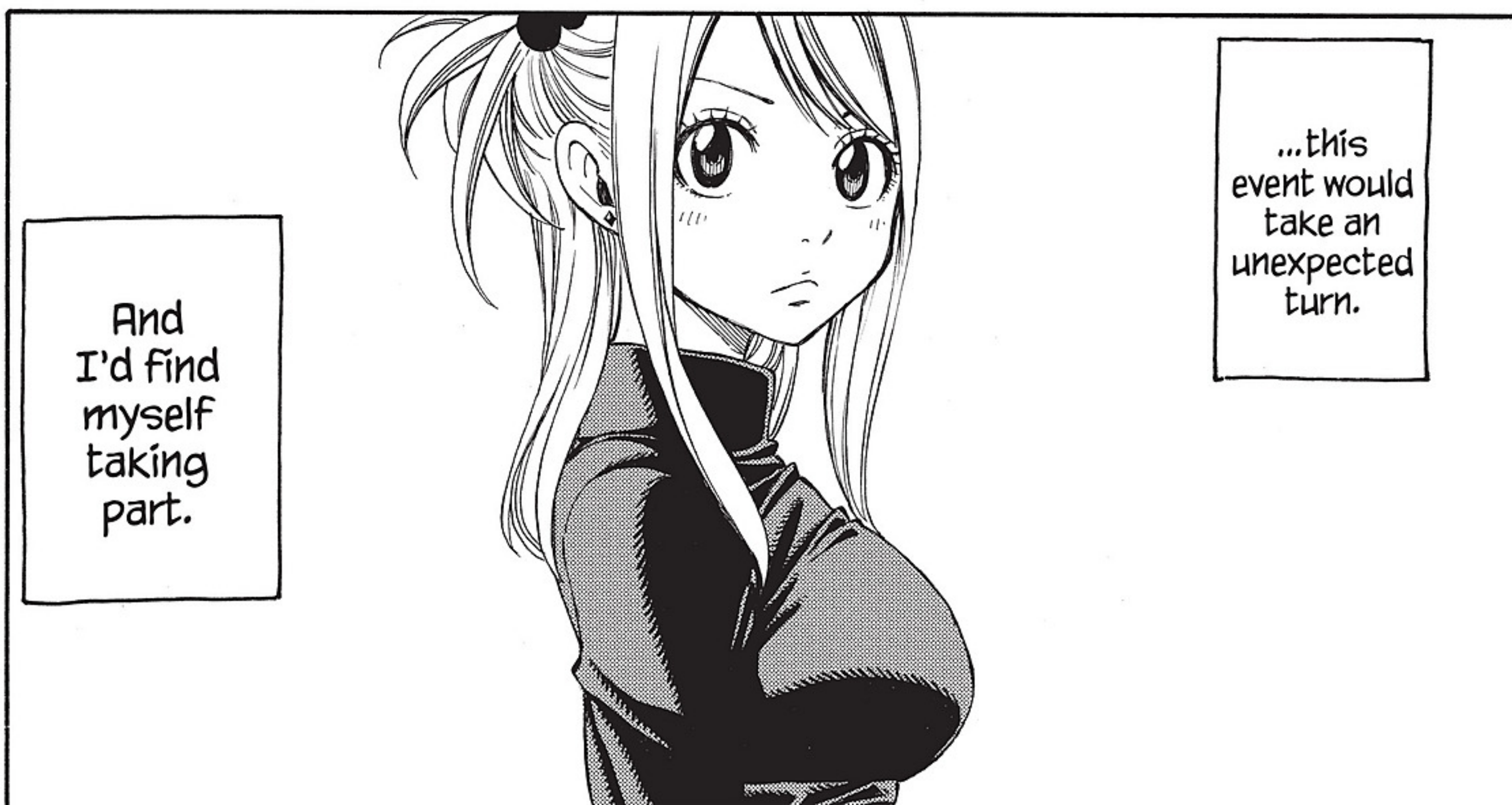
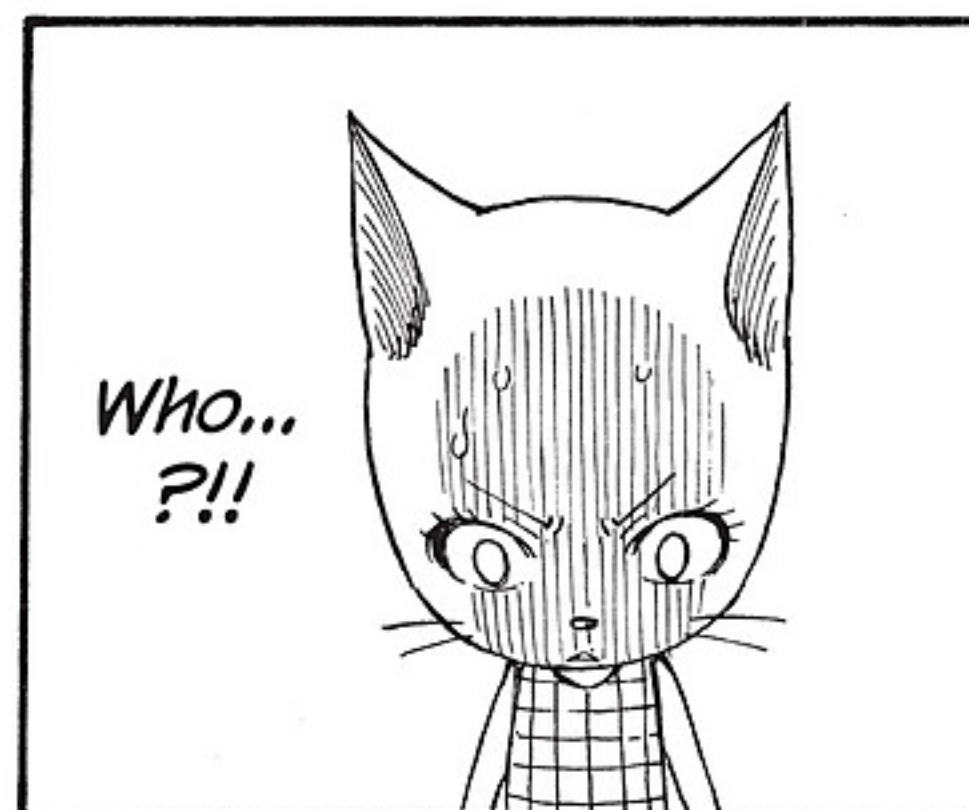
Good
for you,
Natsu
!!





Heh heh.
Too soon
for you!





Fairy Tail



FAIRY TAIL	
Name: Panther Lily	Age: ? yrs.
Magic: Aera & Battle Mode Shift	
Likes: Kiwi Fruit	Dislikes: Thunder



Remarks

Born in Extalia on the other world, Edolas, he belongs to the same race as Happy, the Exceed. He was born larger than most Exceed, and it could be that difference that made him more interested in the humans than any of his fellow Exceed. One day, he found and saved the life of a human child (Mystogan), but when he brought him home to Extalia, that act got Panther Lily banished from his home country. From then on, he lived in the human world raising Mystogan, and with his military skills, he became a division commander in the Royal Forces.

Now in the world of Earth-land, his body has become very small. He can revert to his original body for very short periods of time, but he also seems quite fond of his new body.

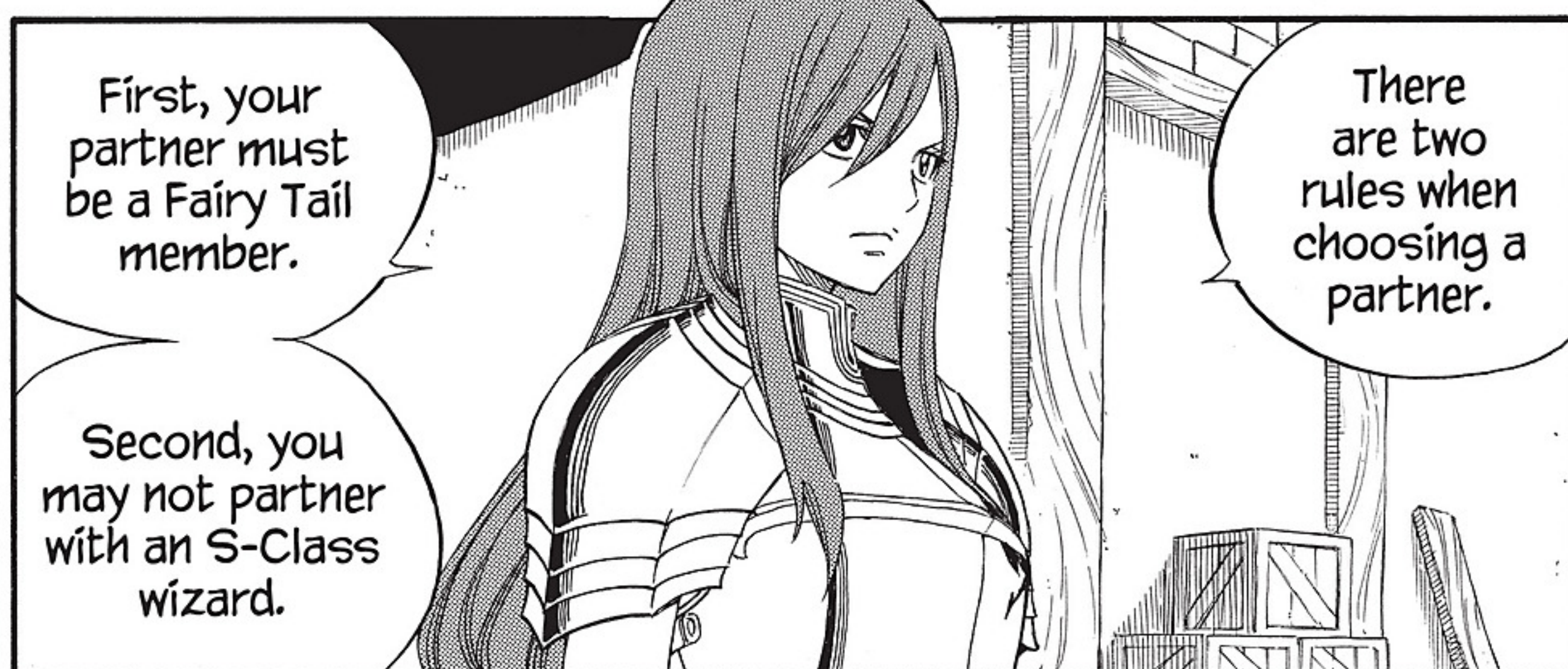
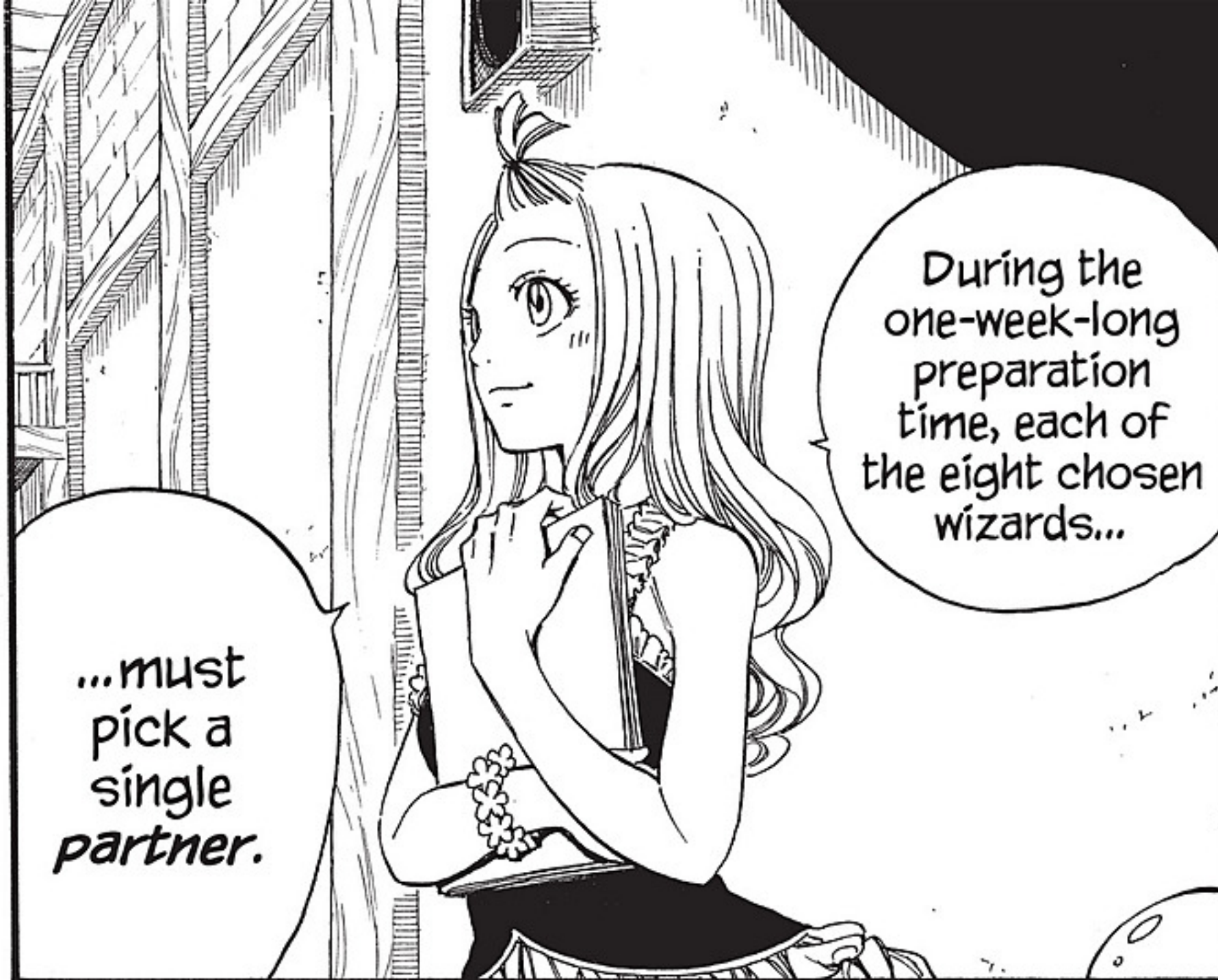


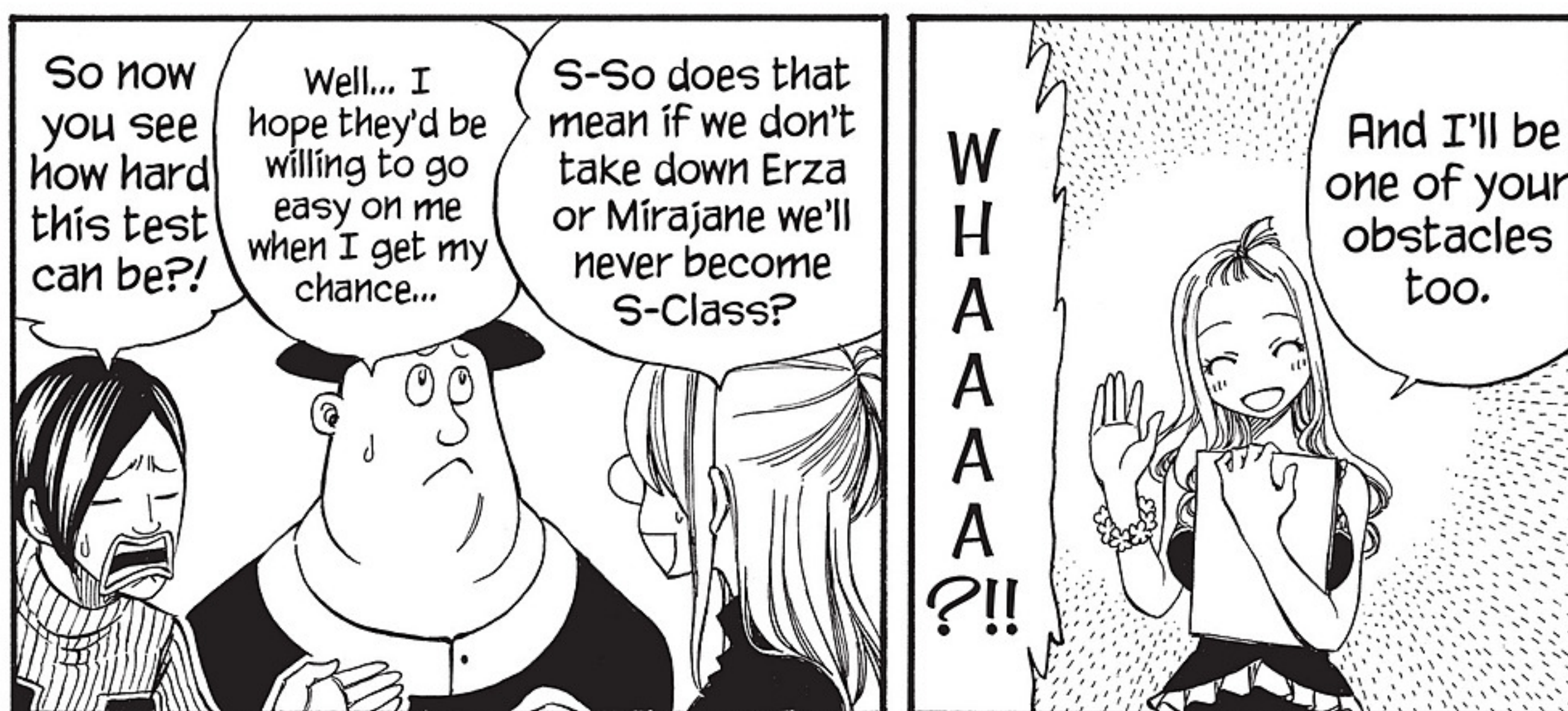
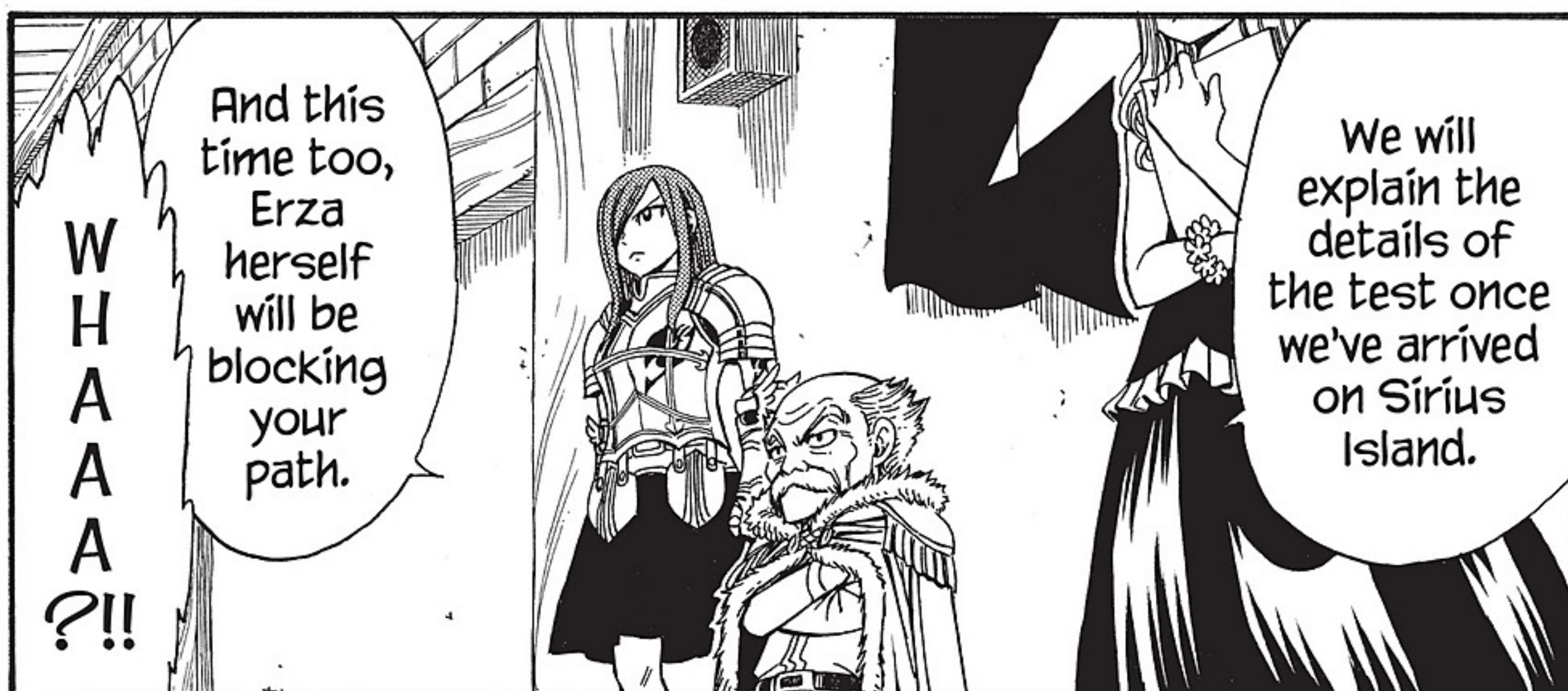
Eight wizards
are eligible to
take the S-Class
Wizard test!

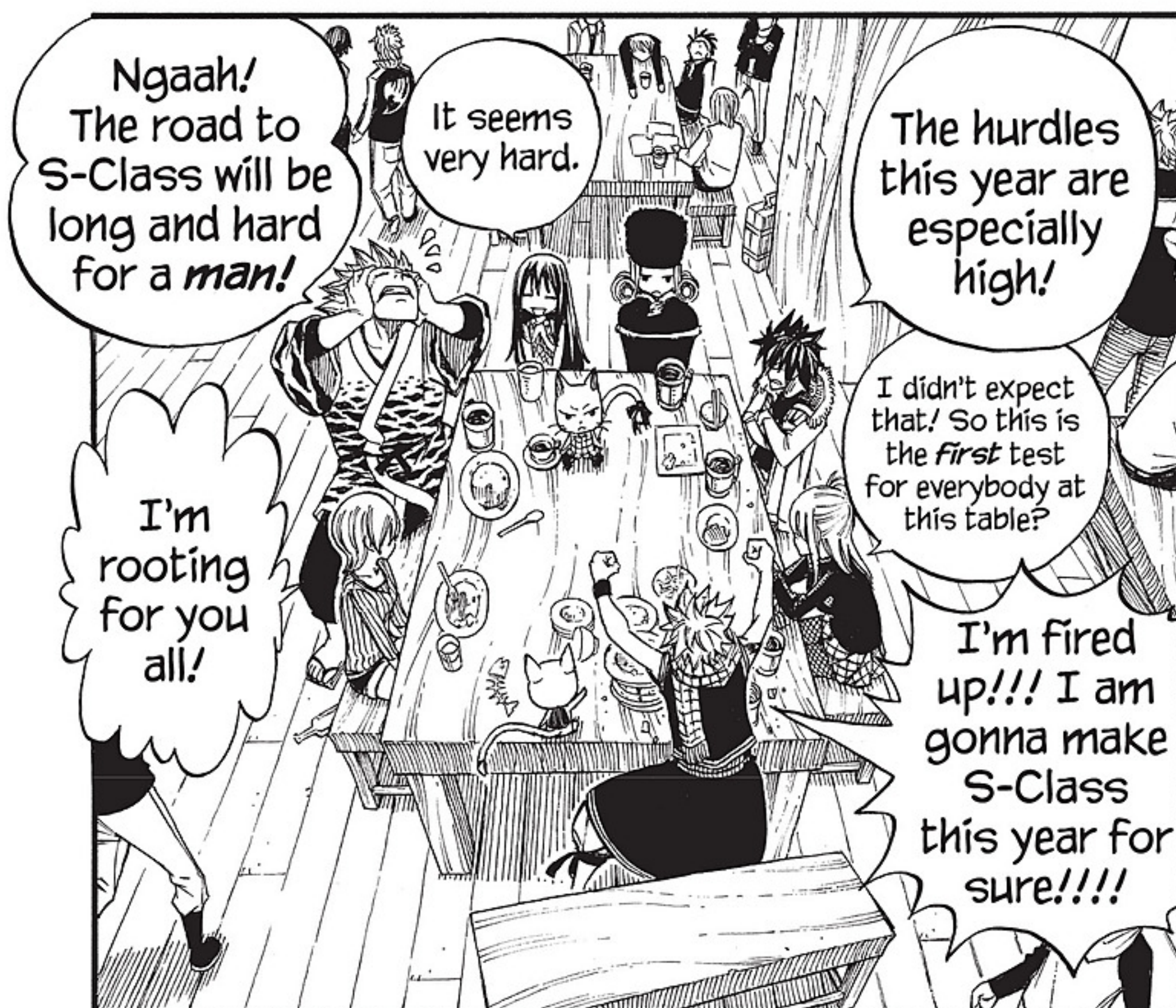


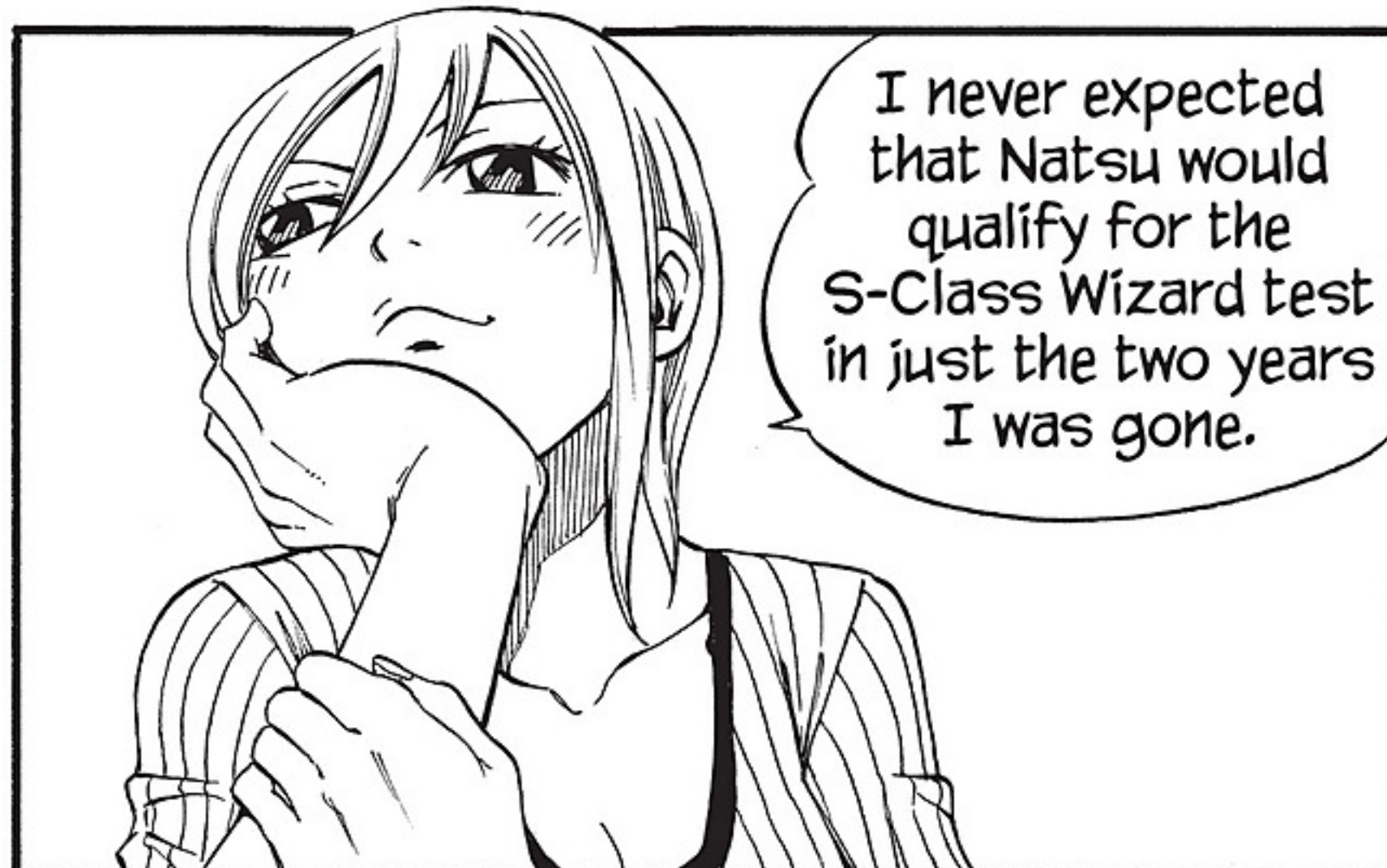
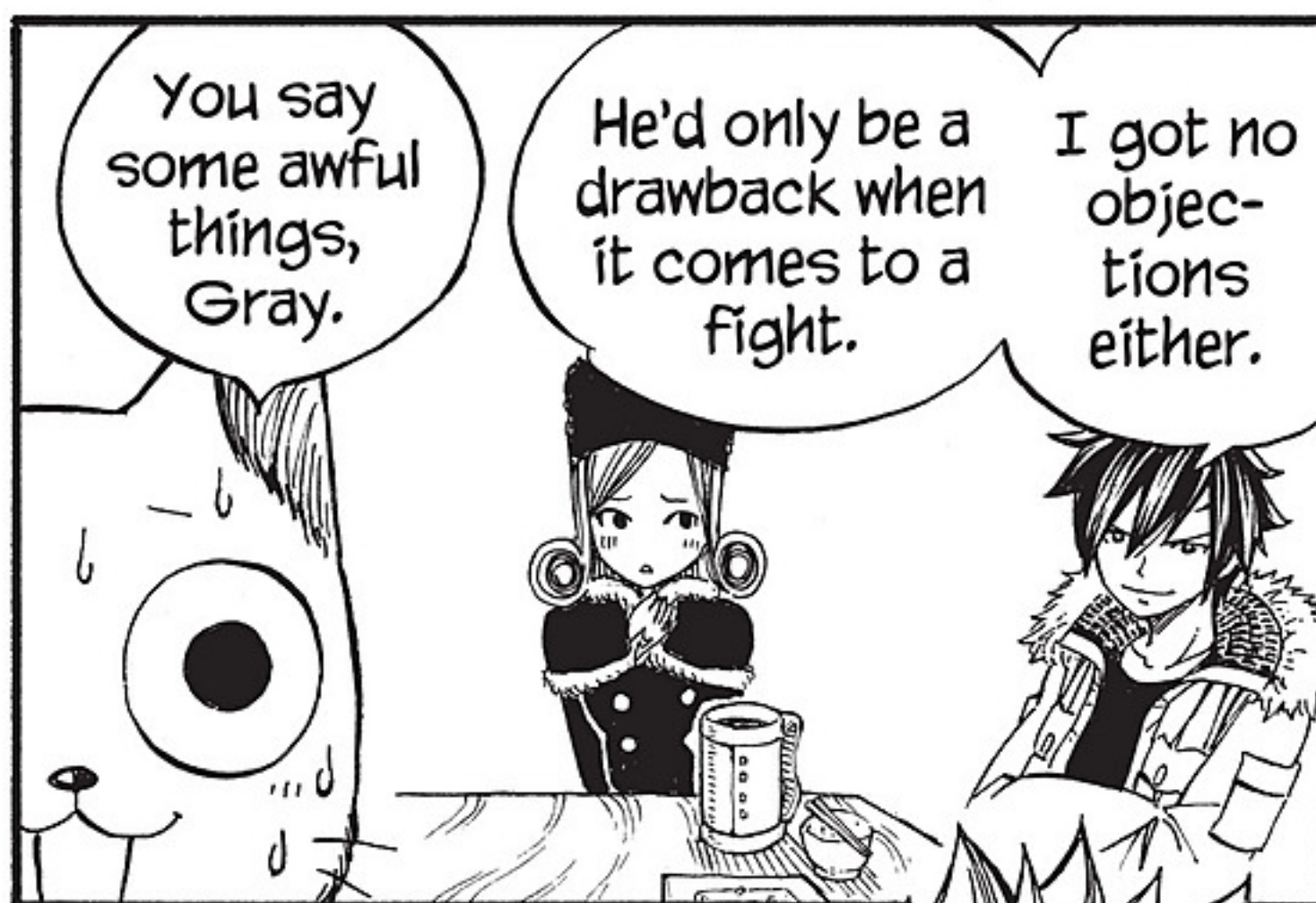
...we'll go
over the
rules.

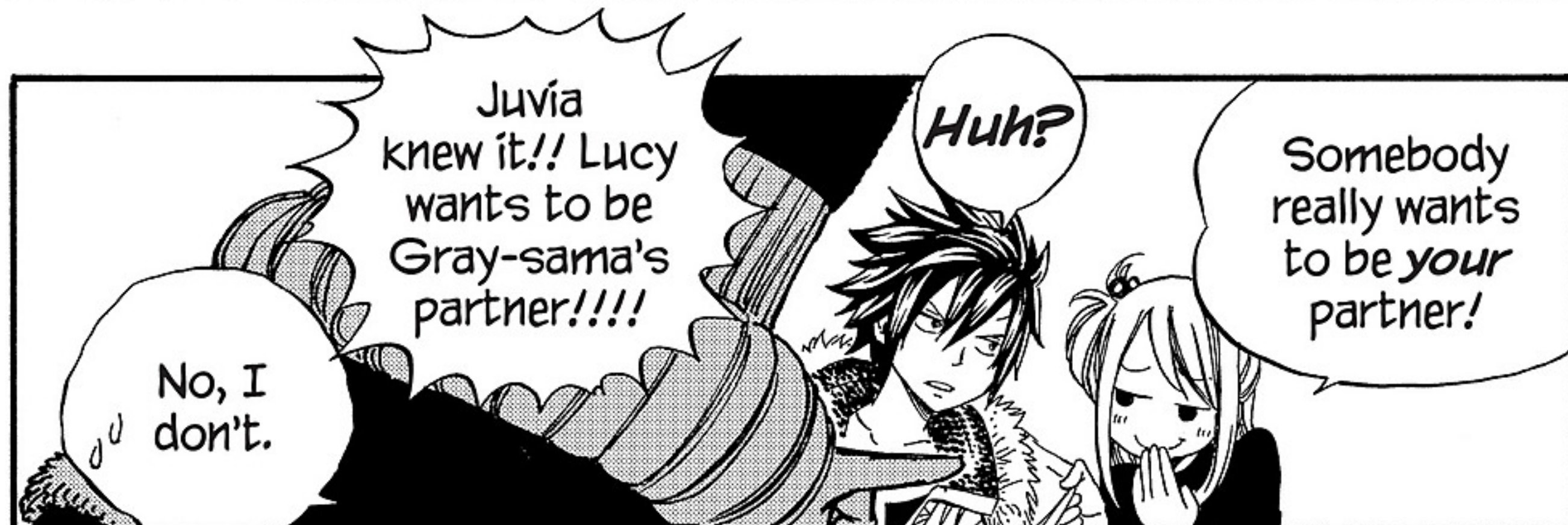
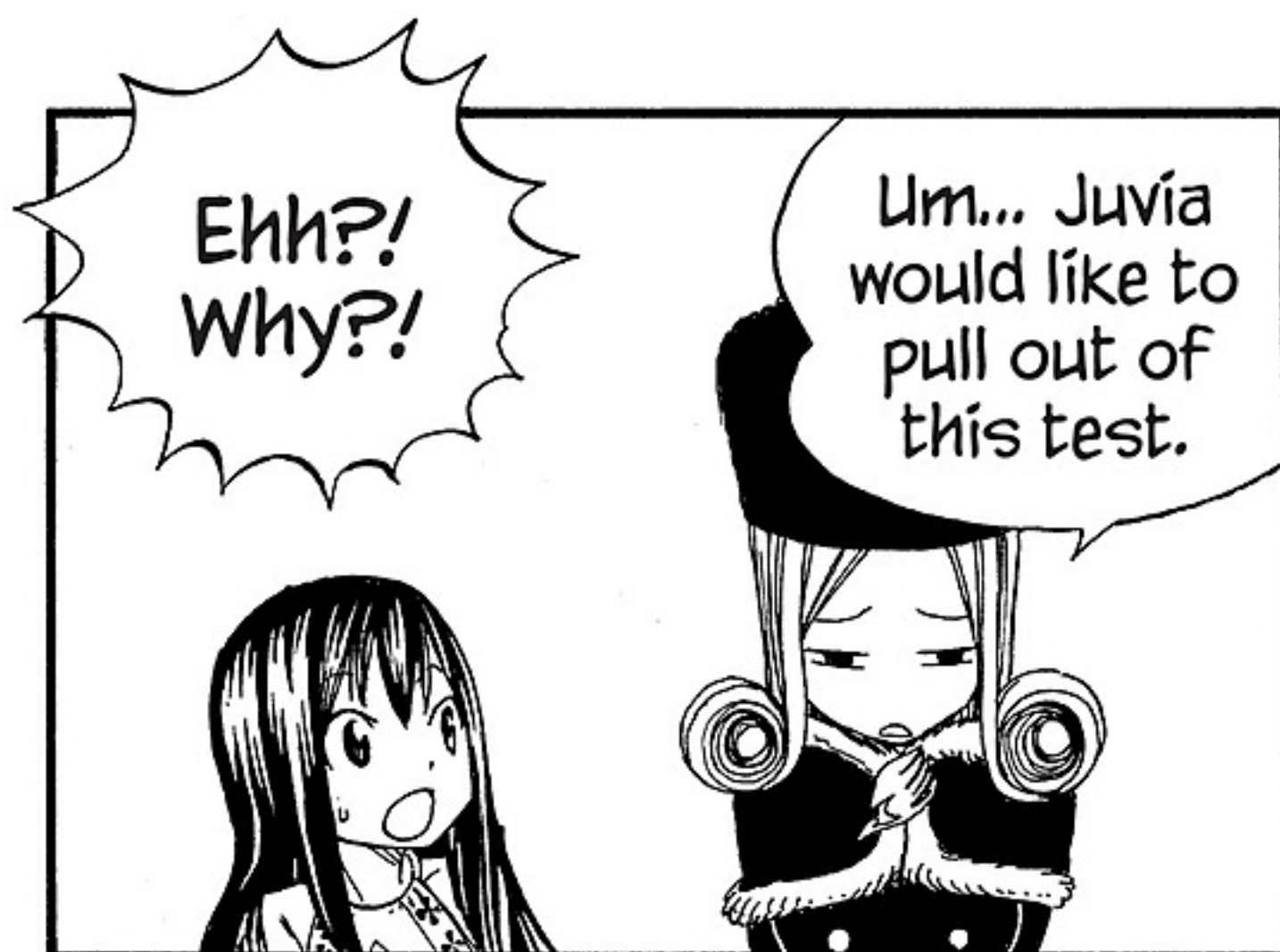
Now, since
we have
first-timers
here...

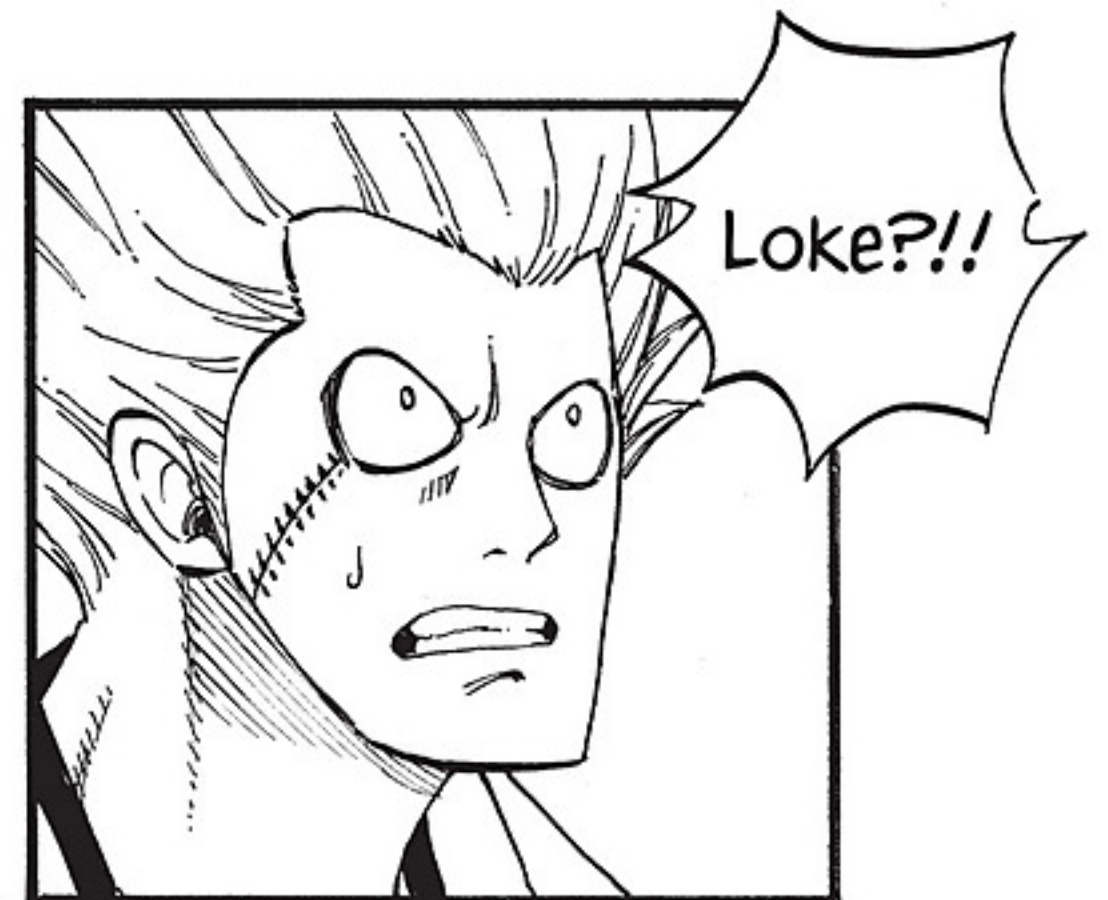
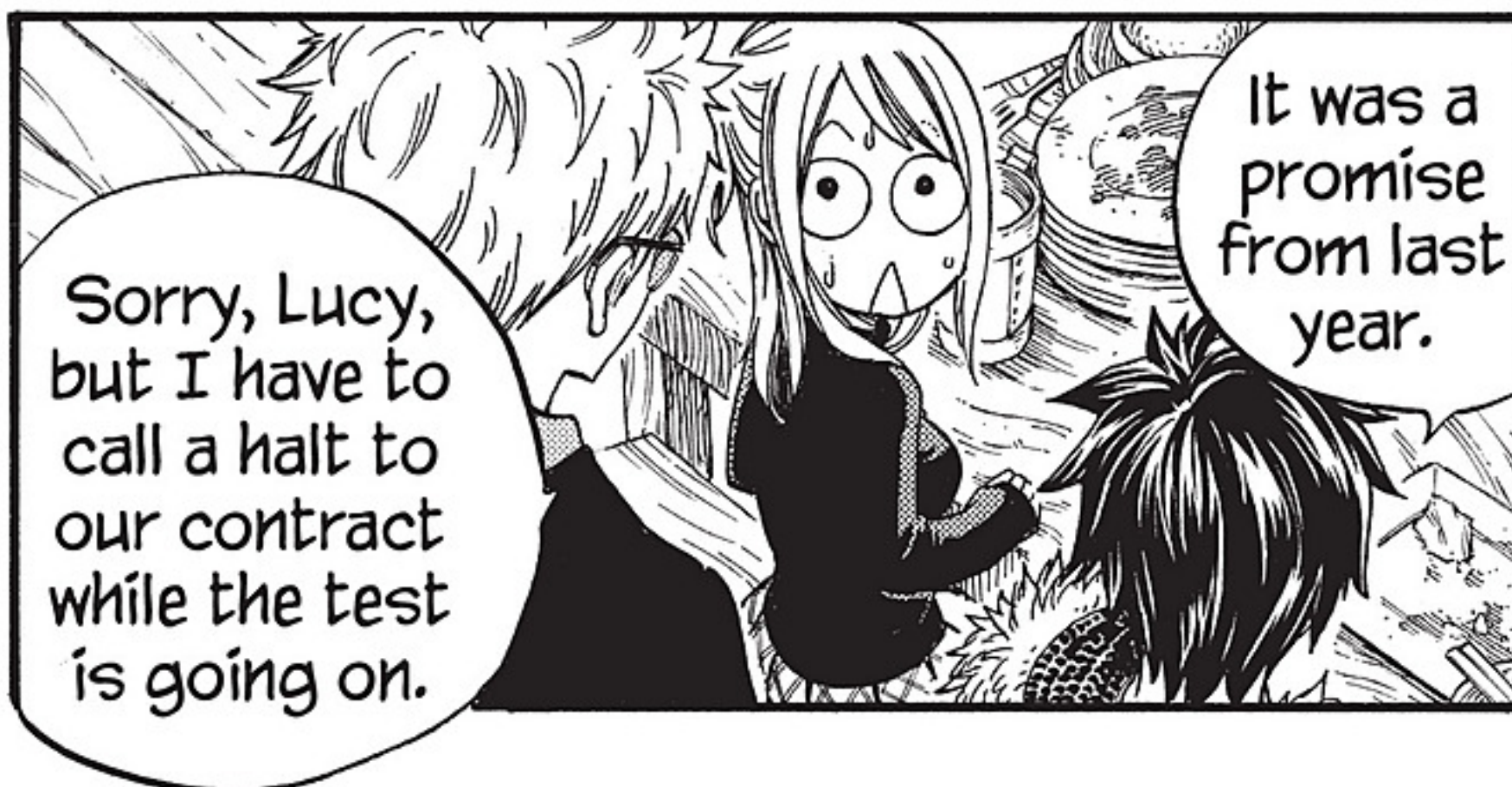




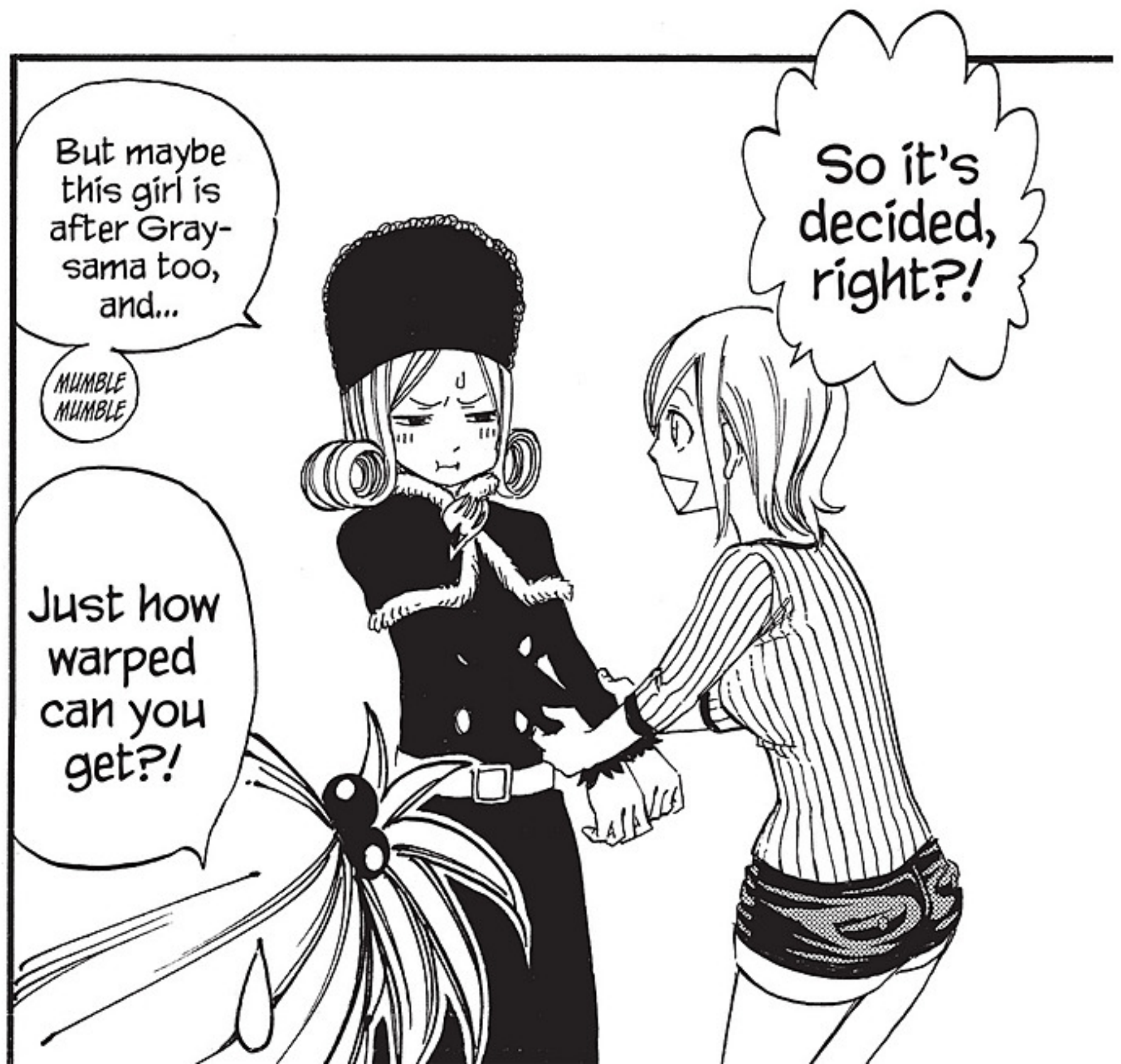
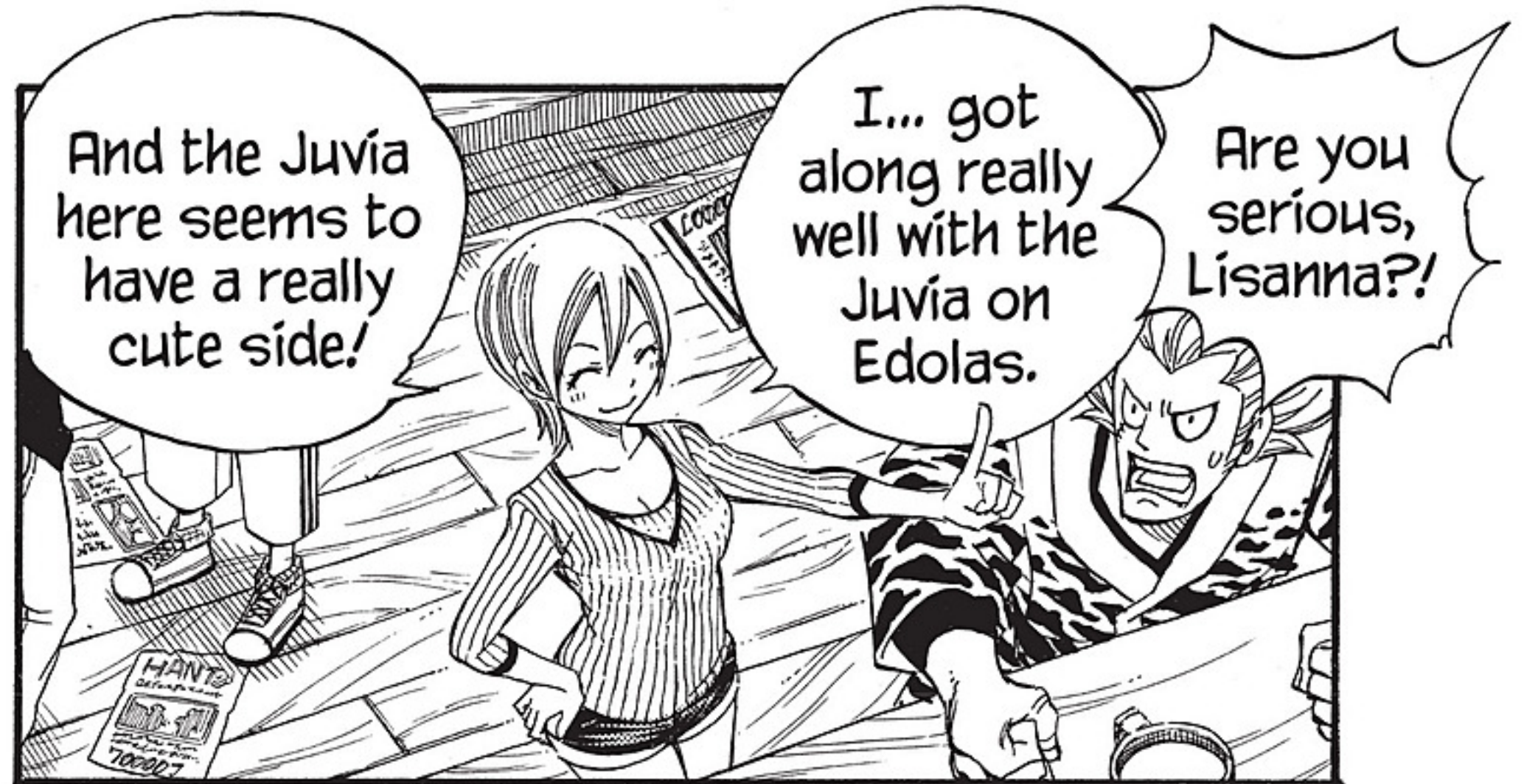
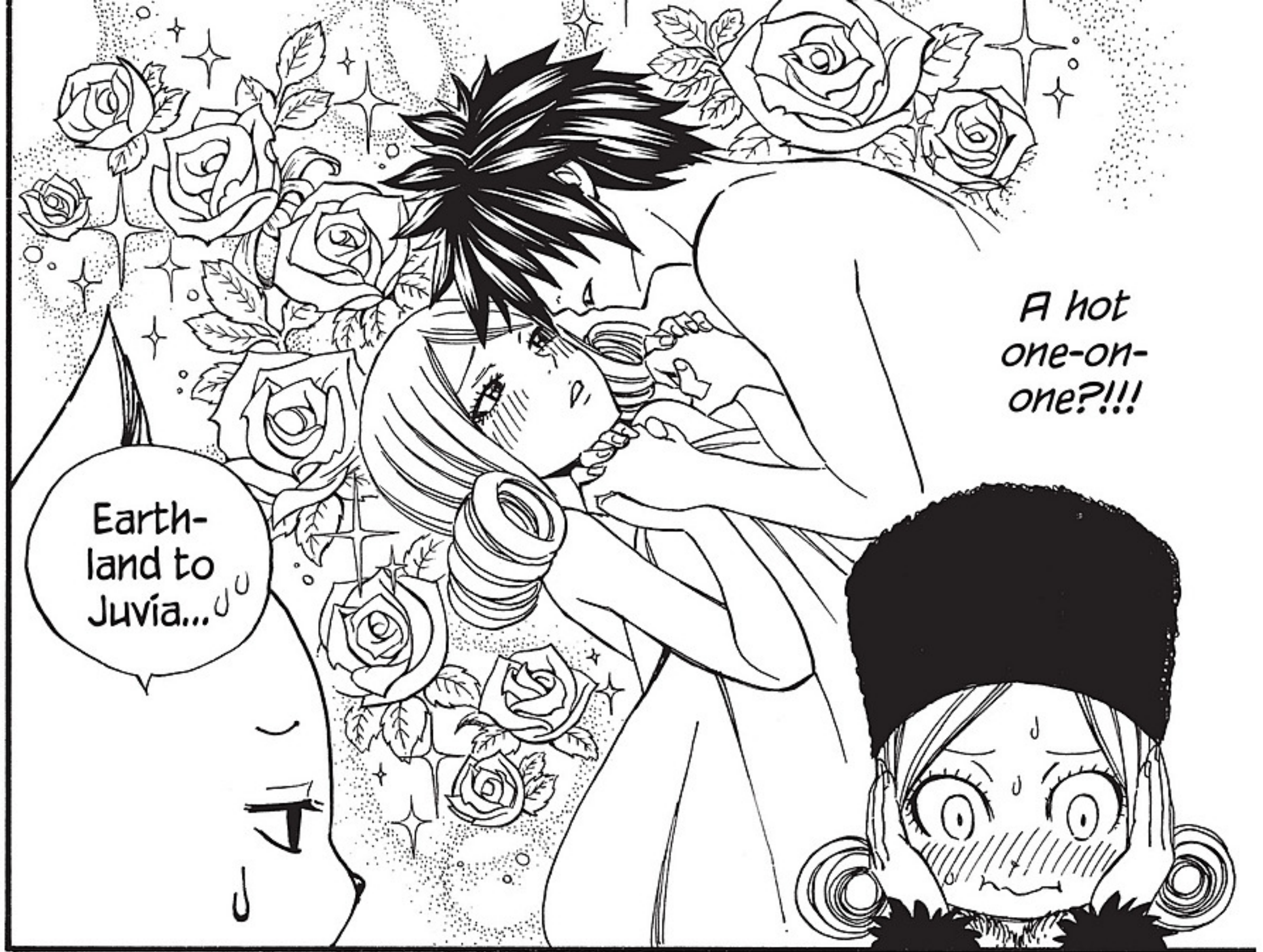


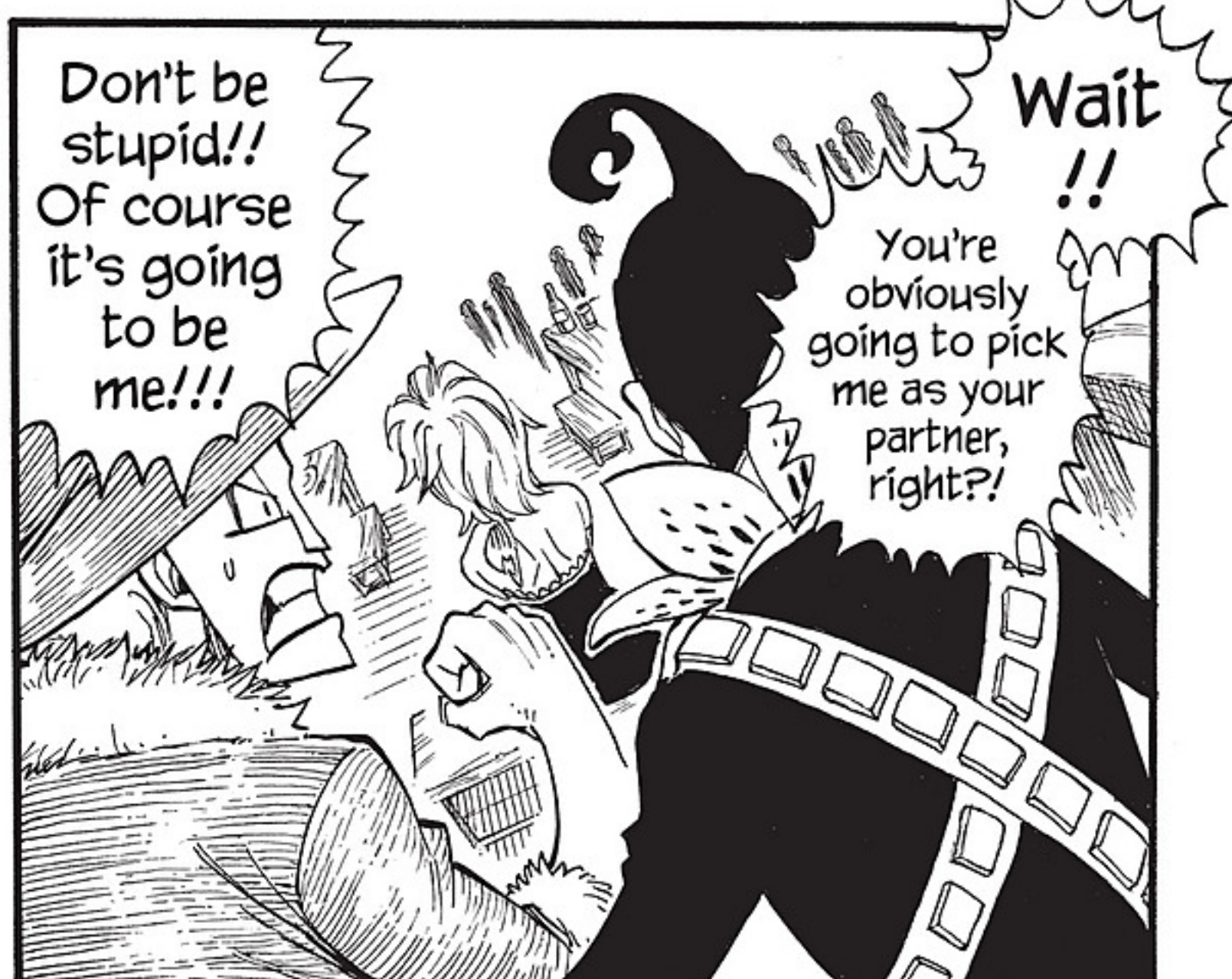
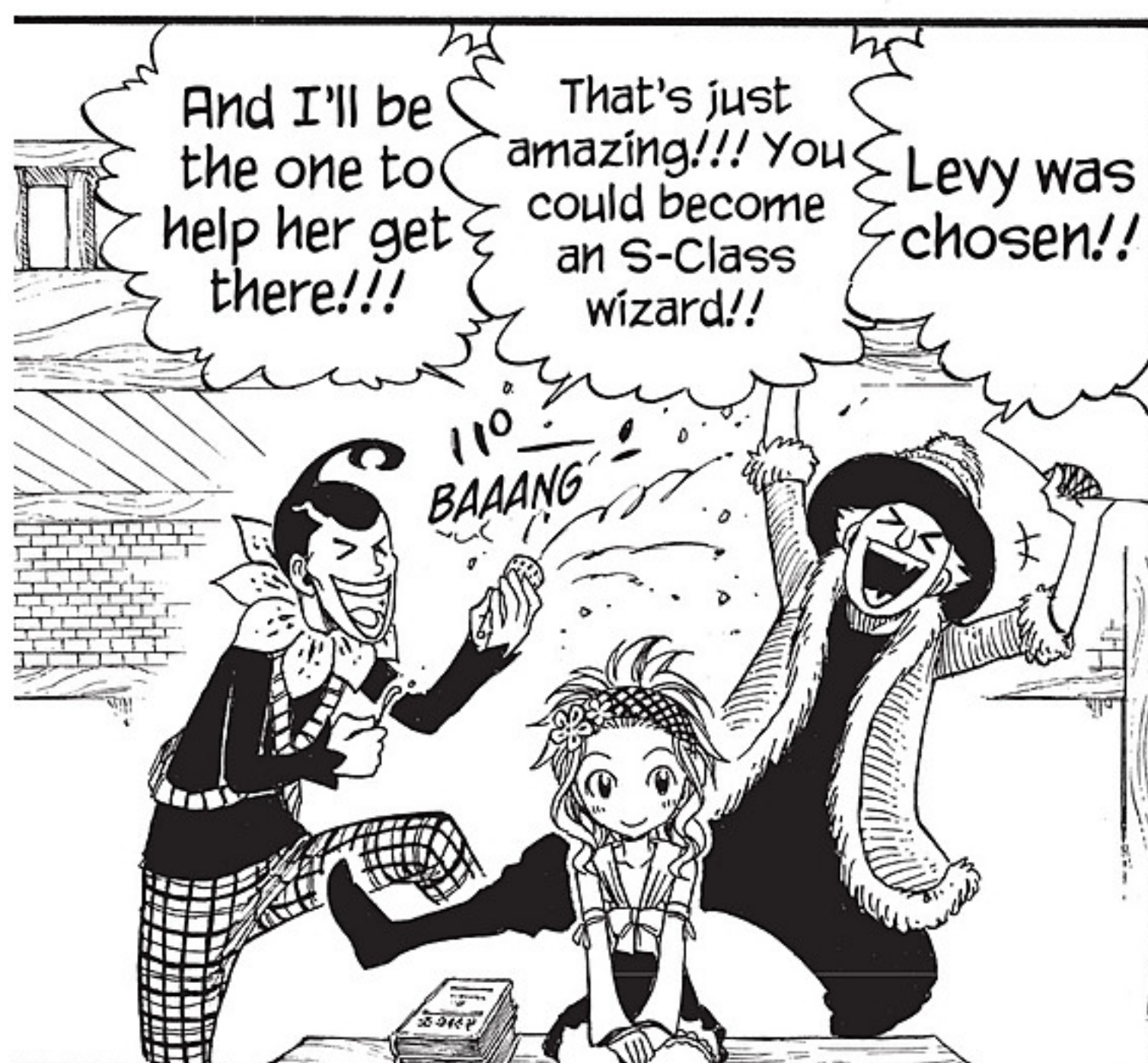
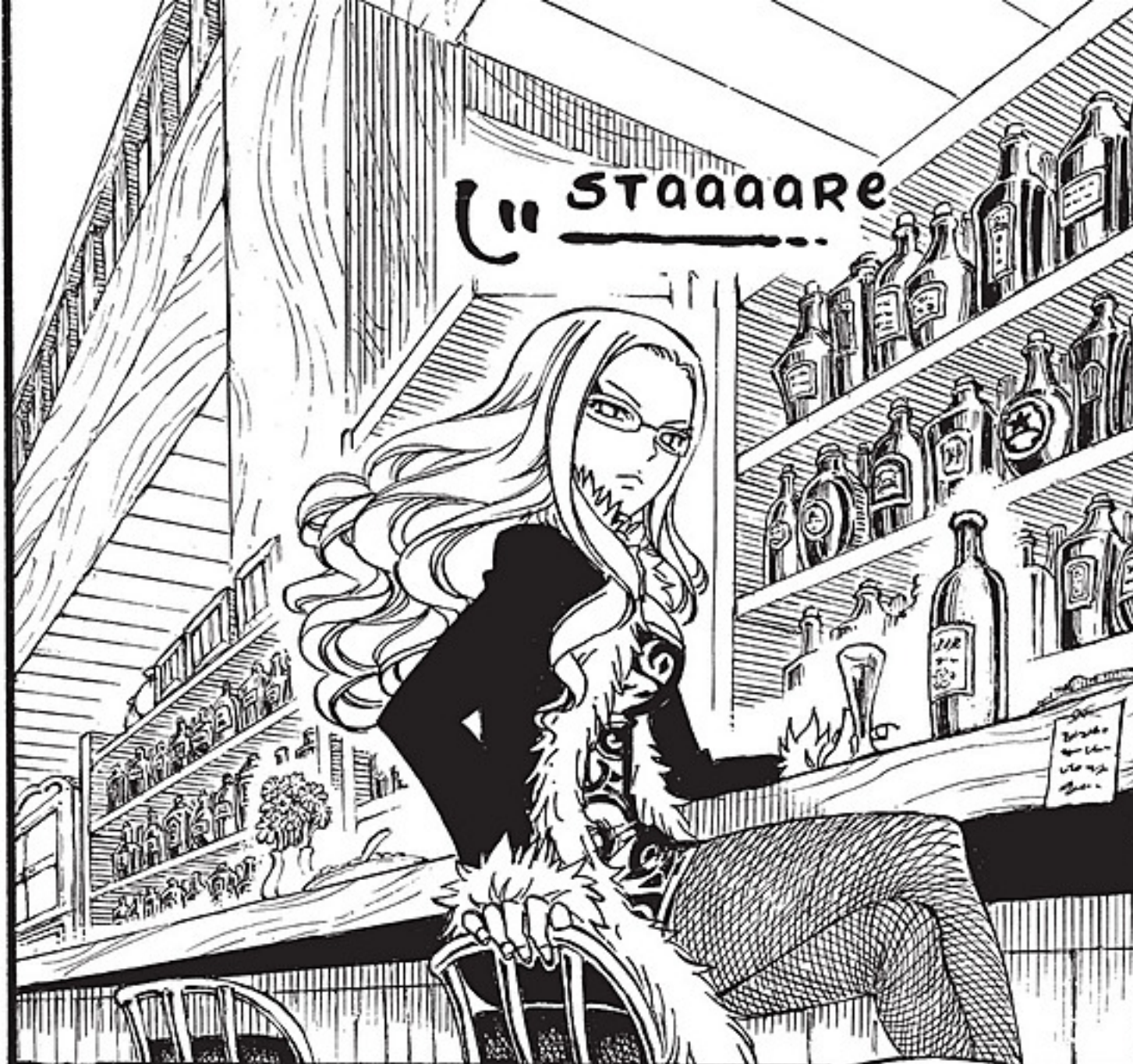


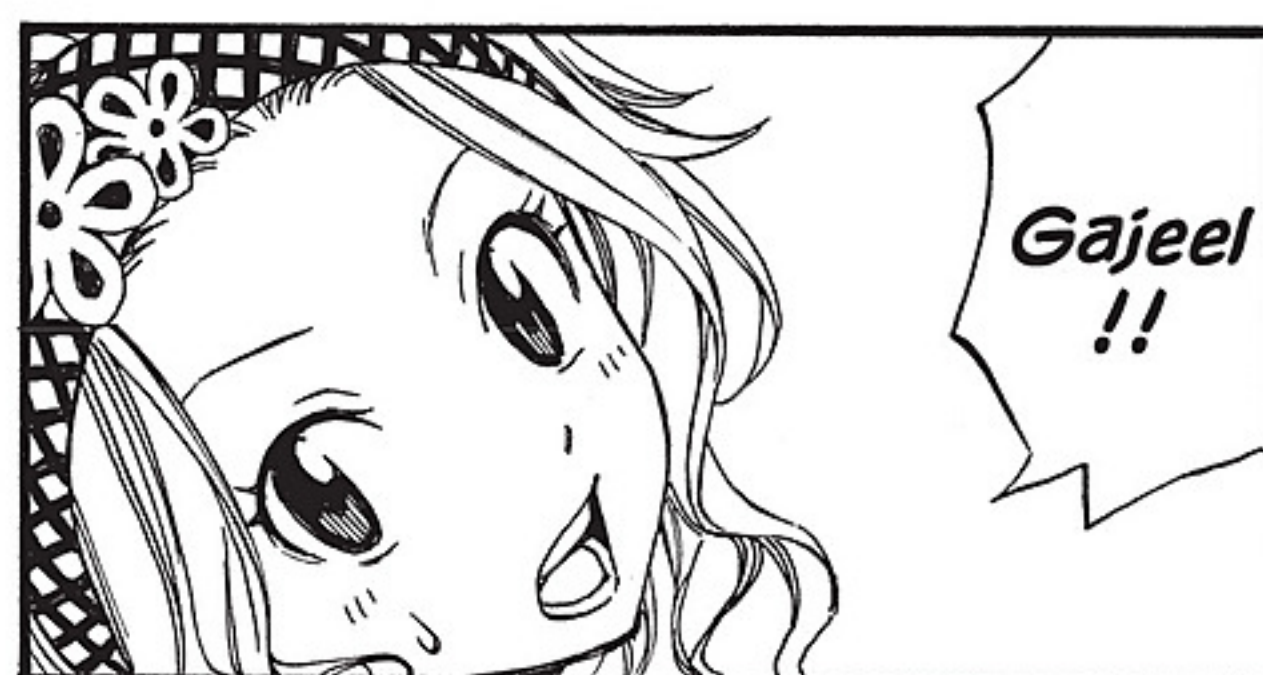
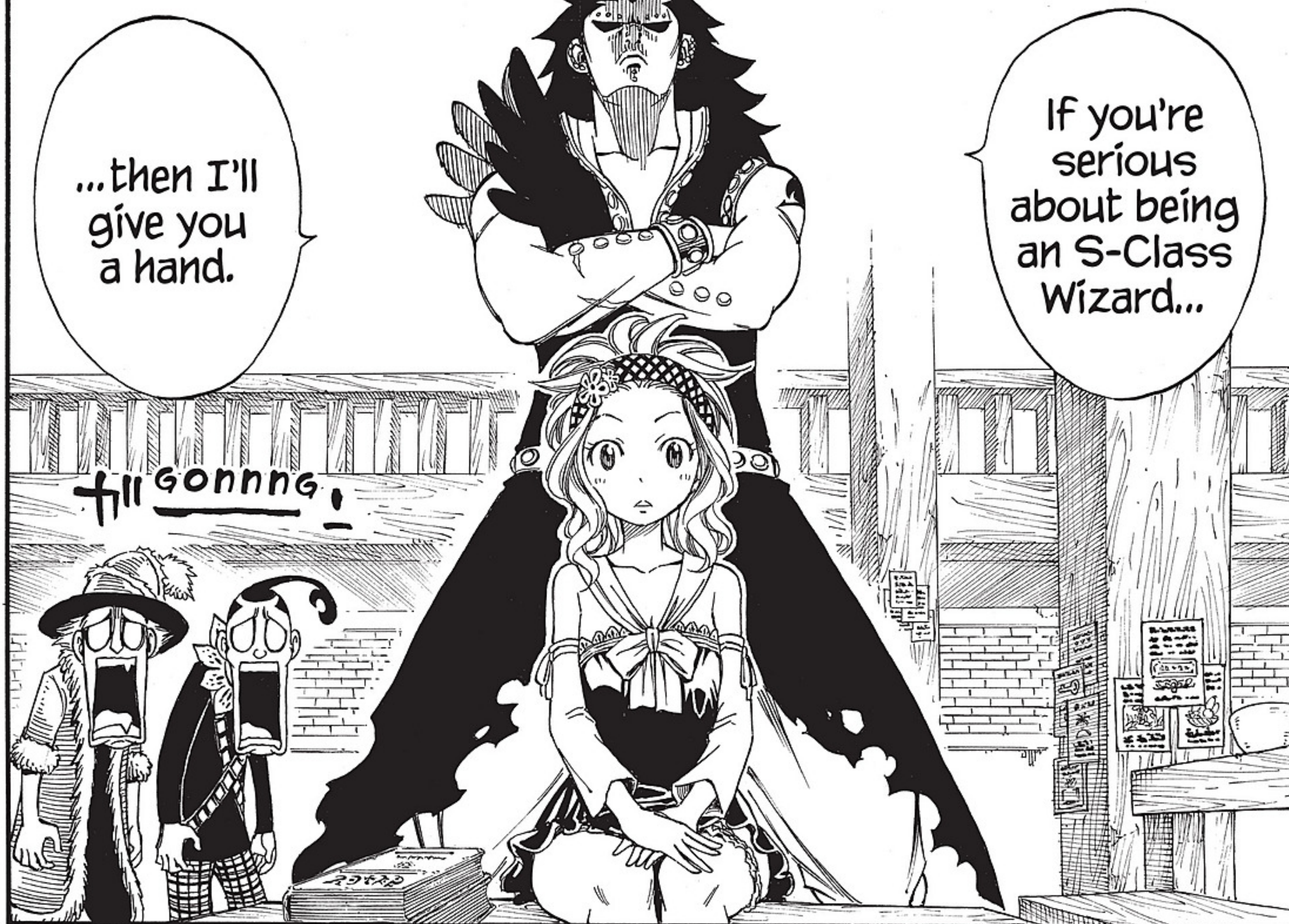


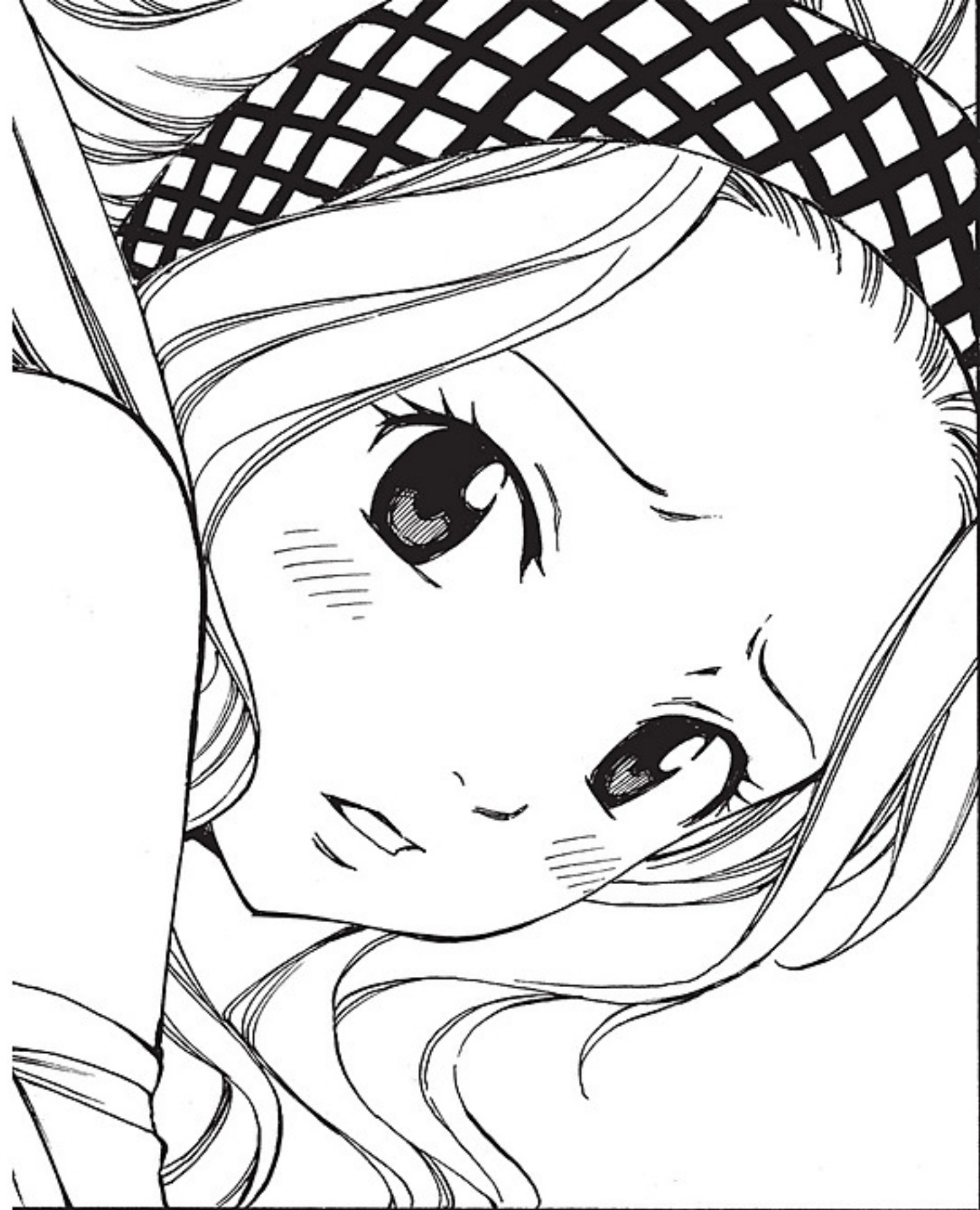


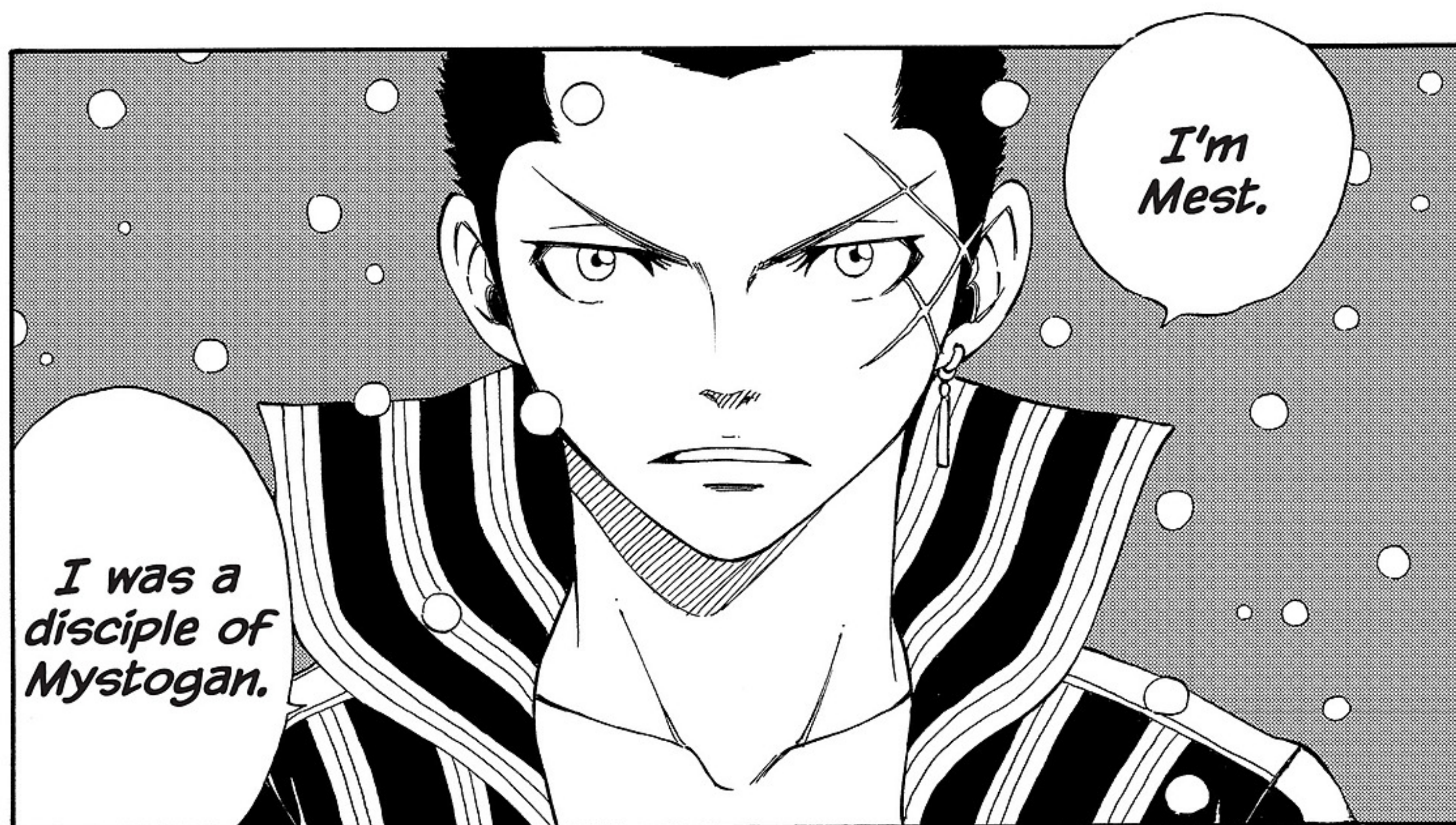






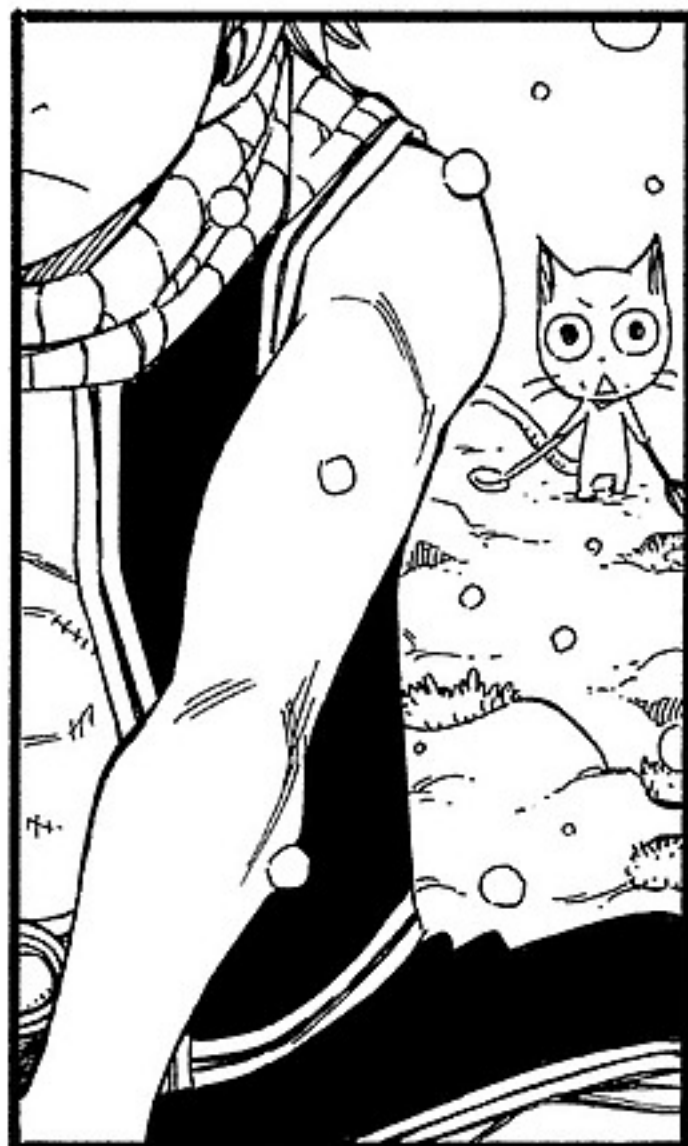








What's wrong, Natsu?



Natsu! Dinner is ready!



And I'm gonna be sure to be an S-Class Wizard!!!!



It's finally come! My chance!



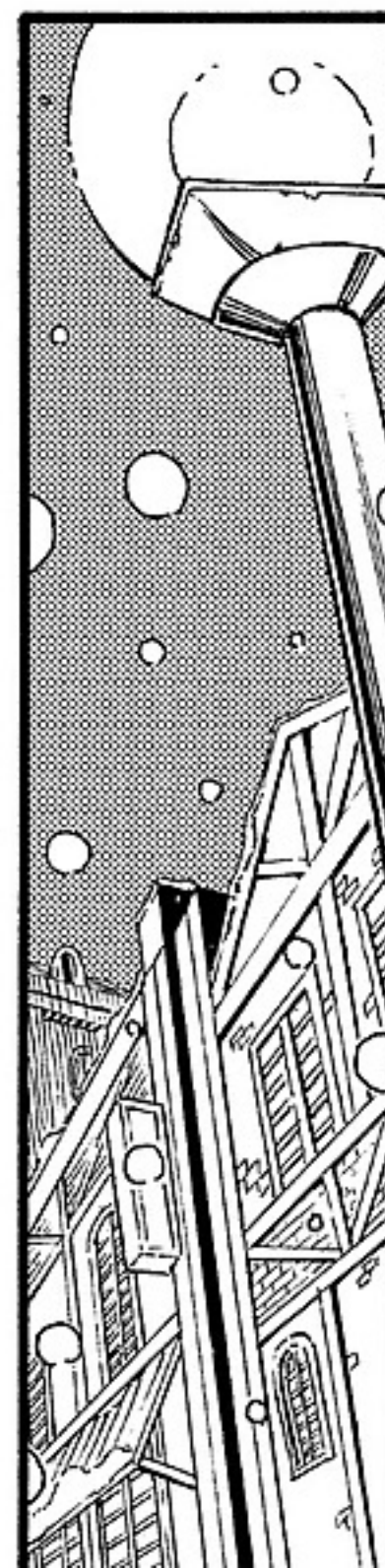
Hm?

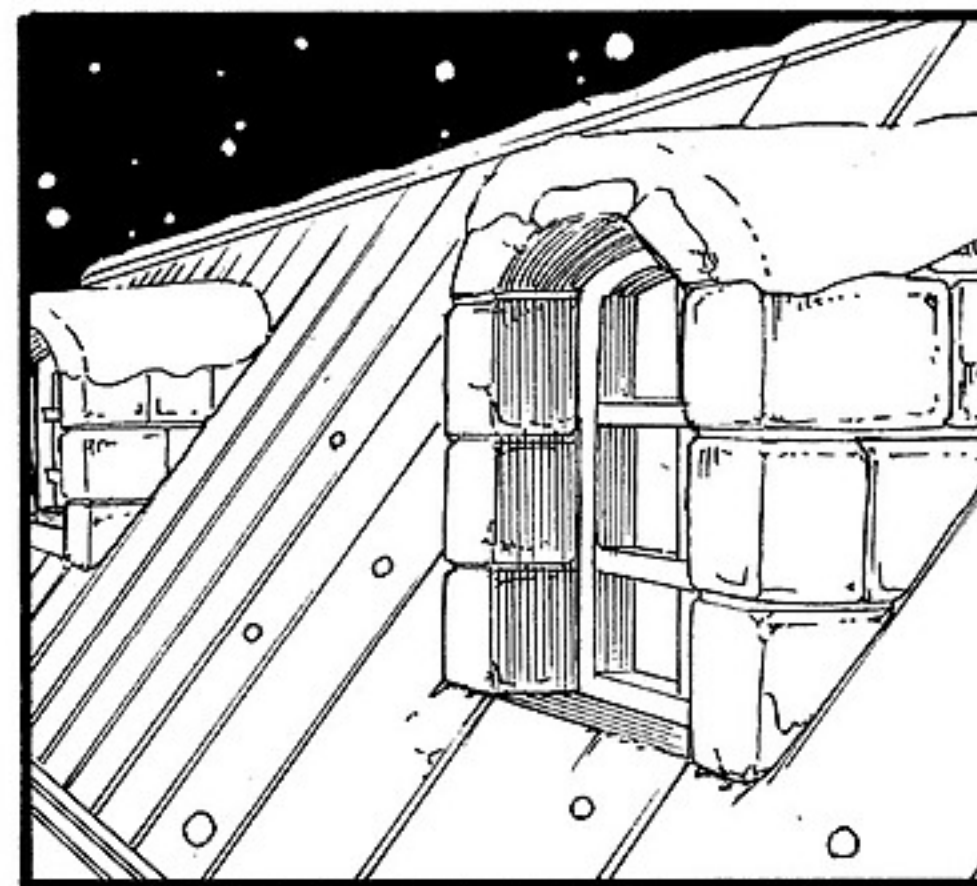


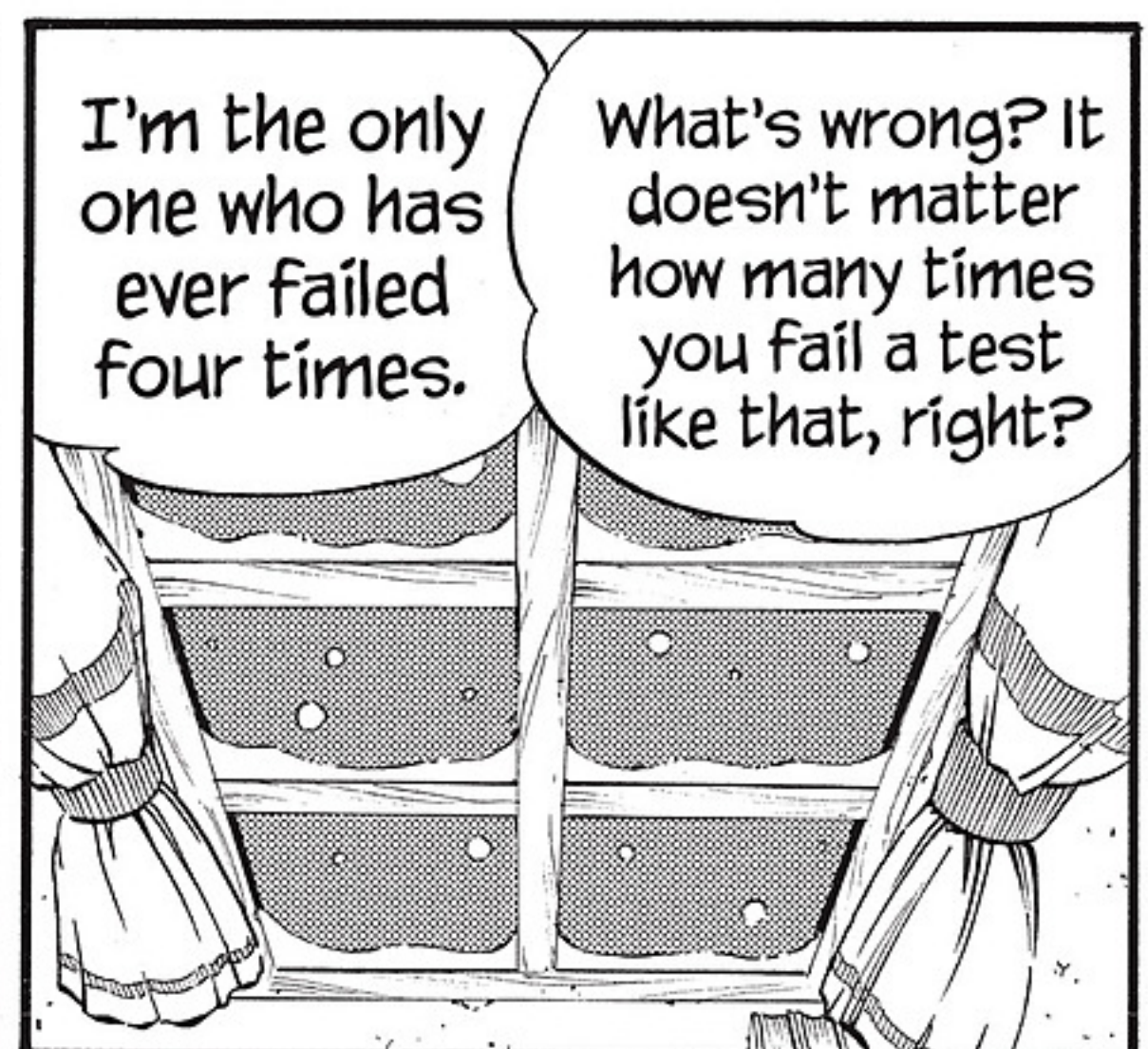
Pu-puun!

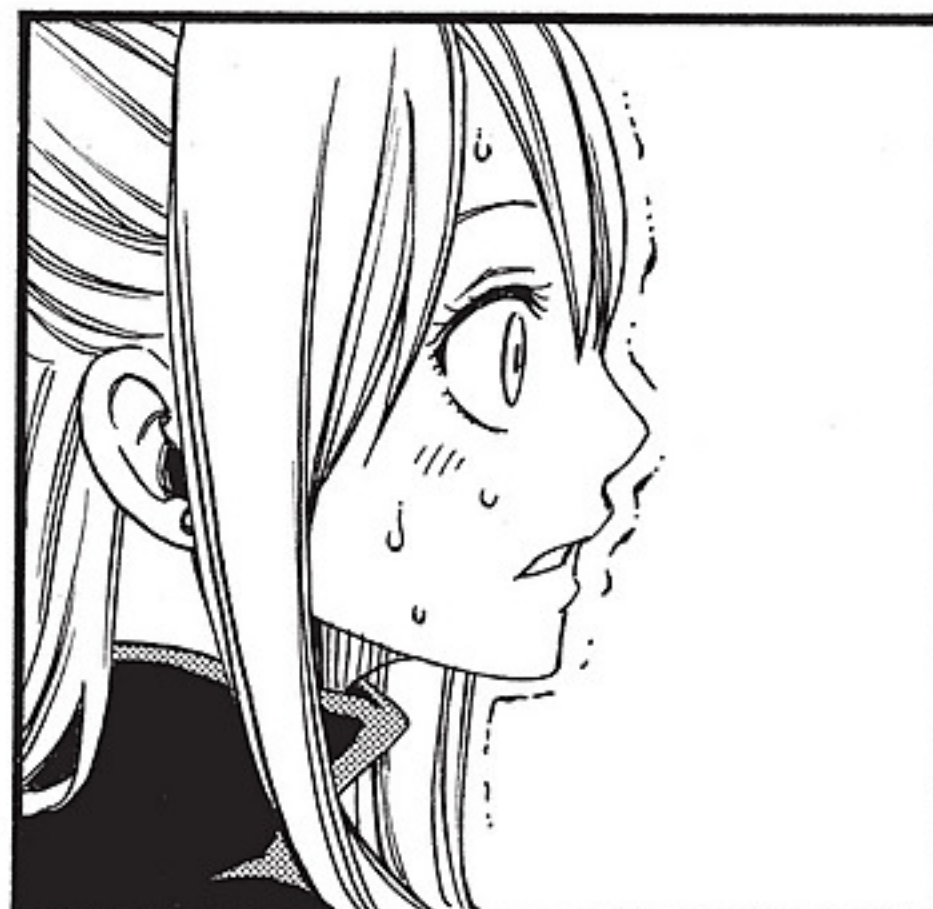
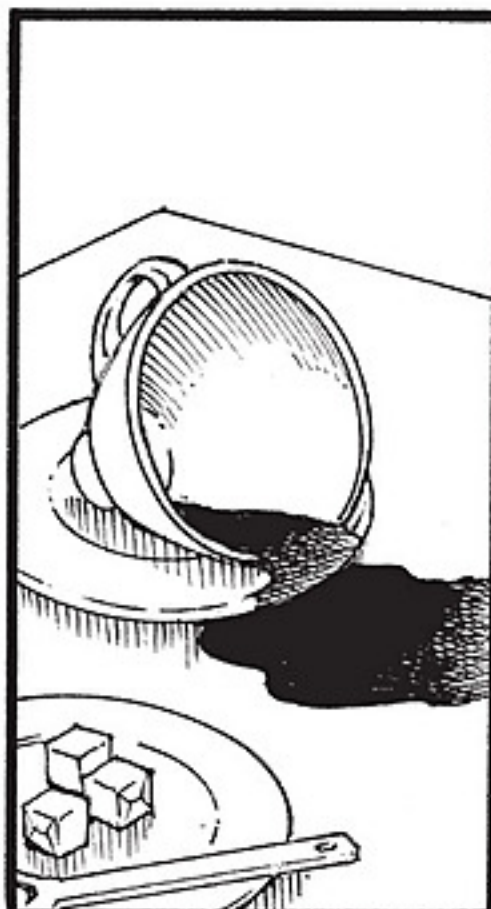
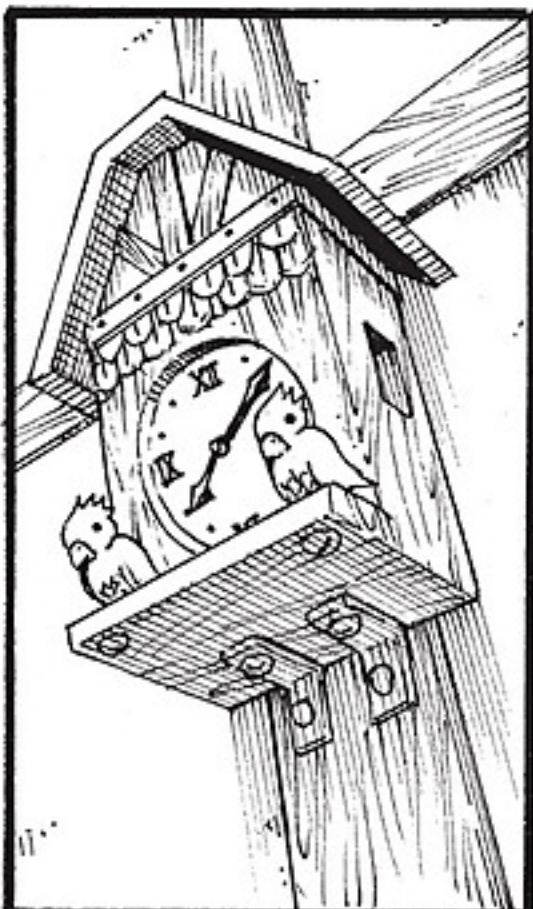
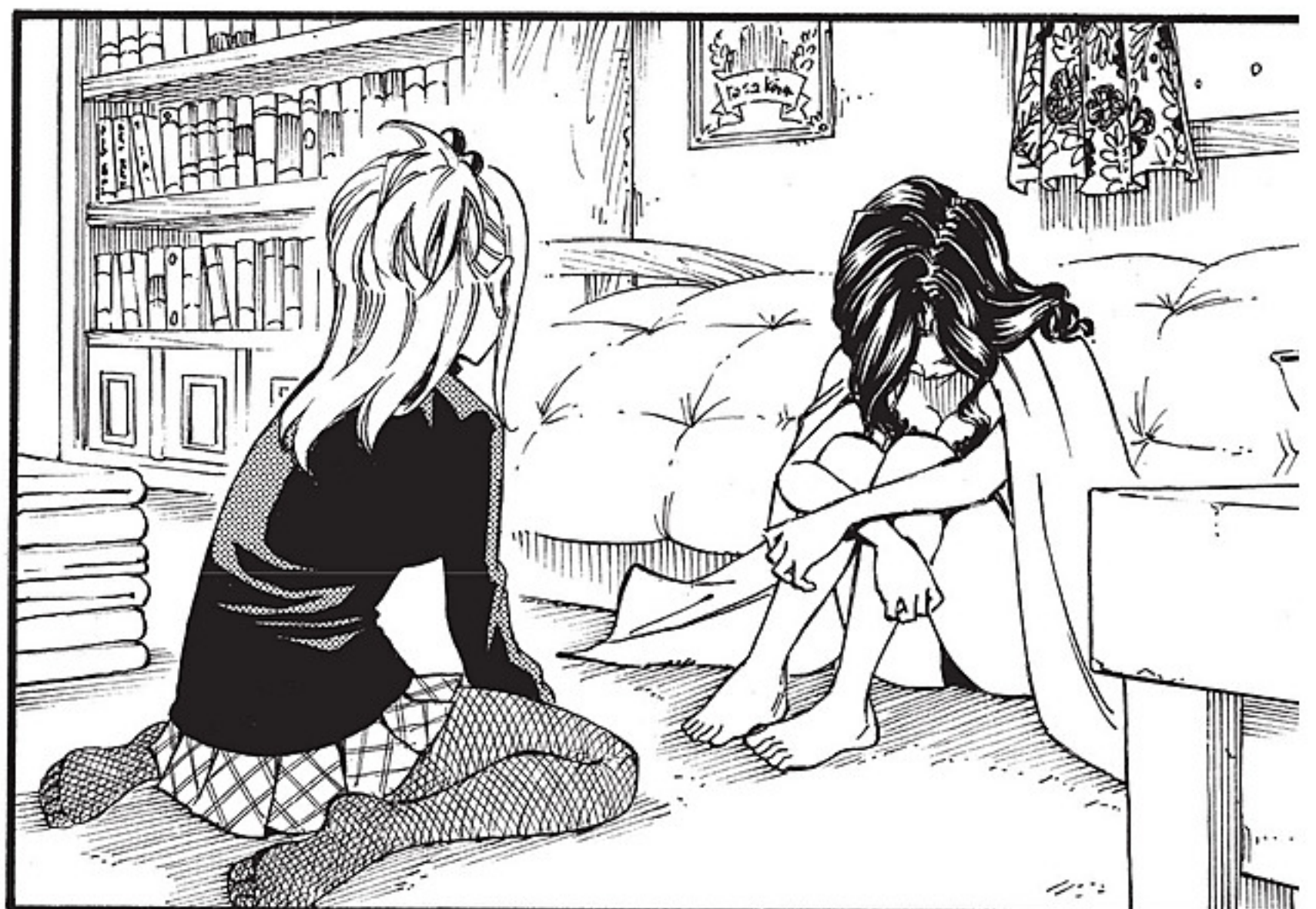
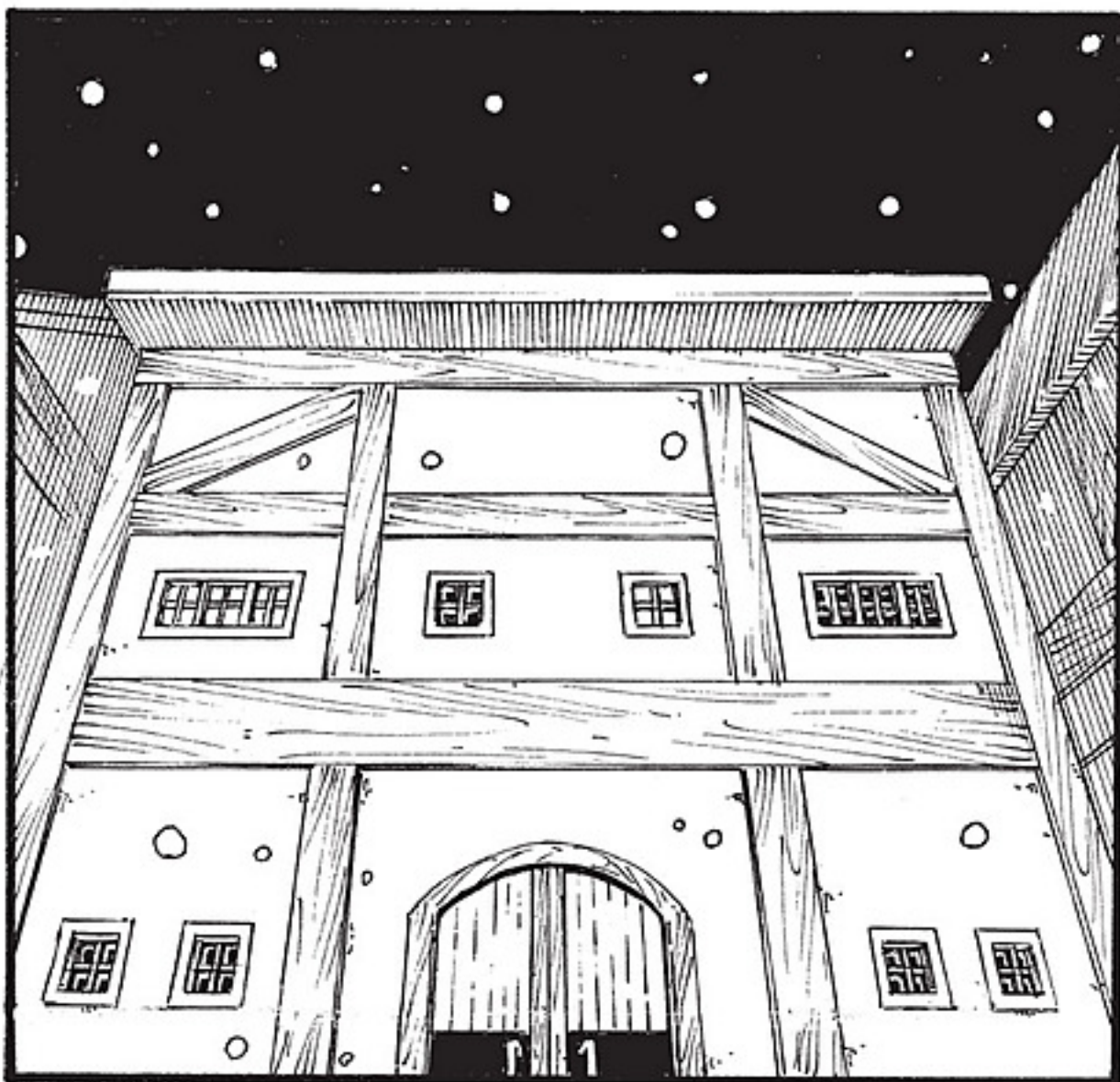
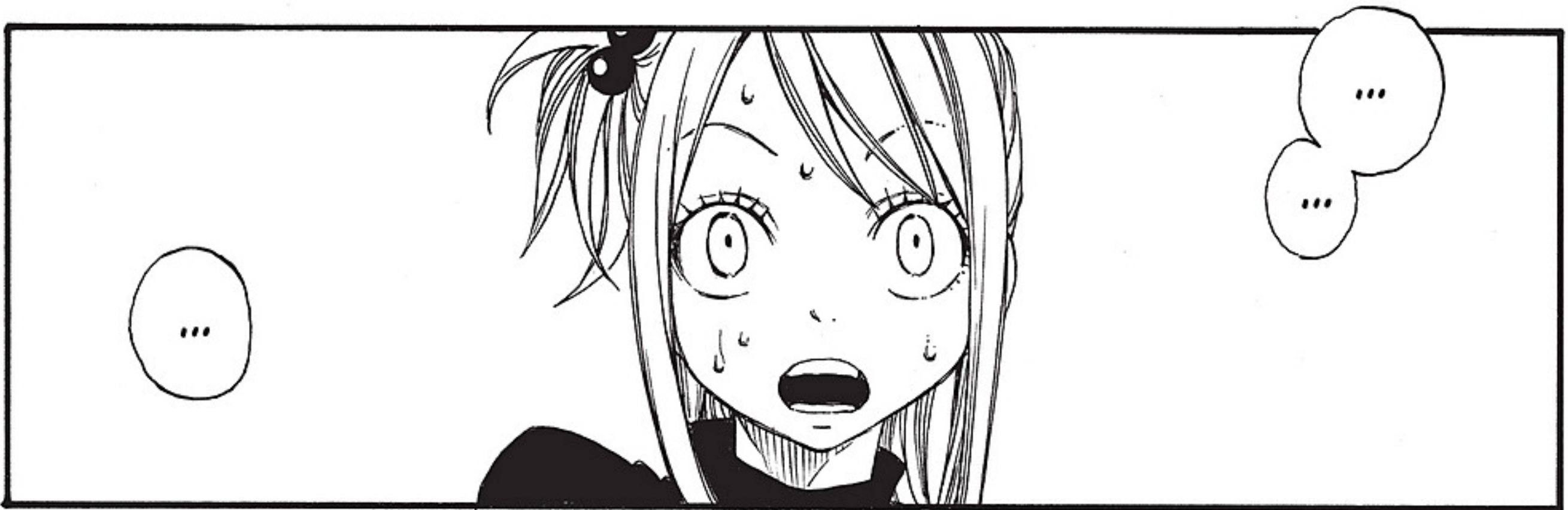
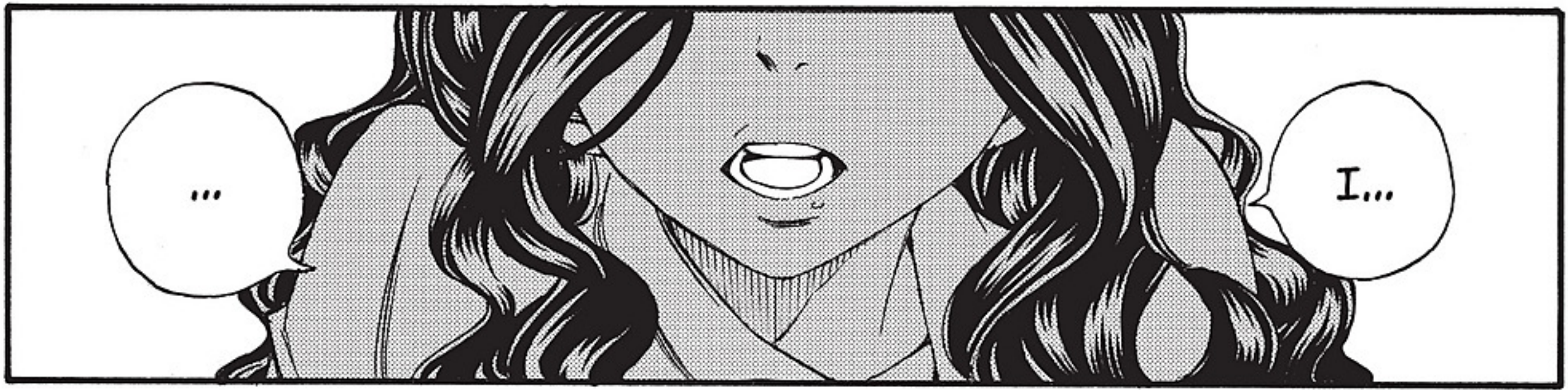
Whoa! Snow!!

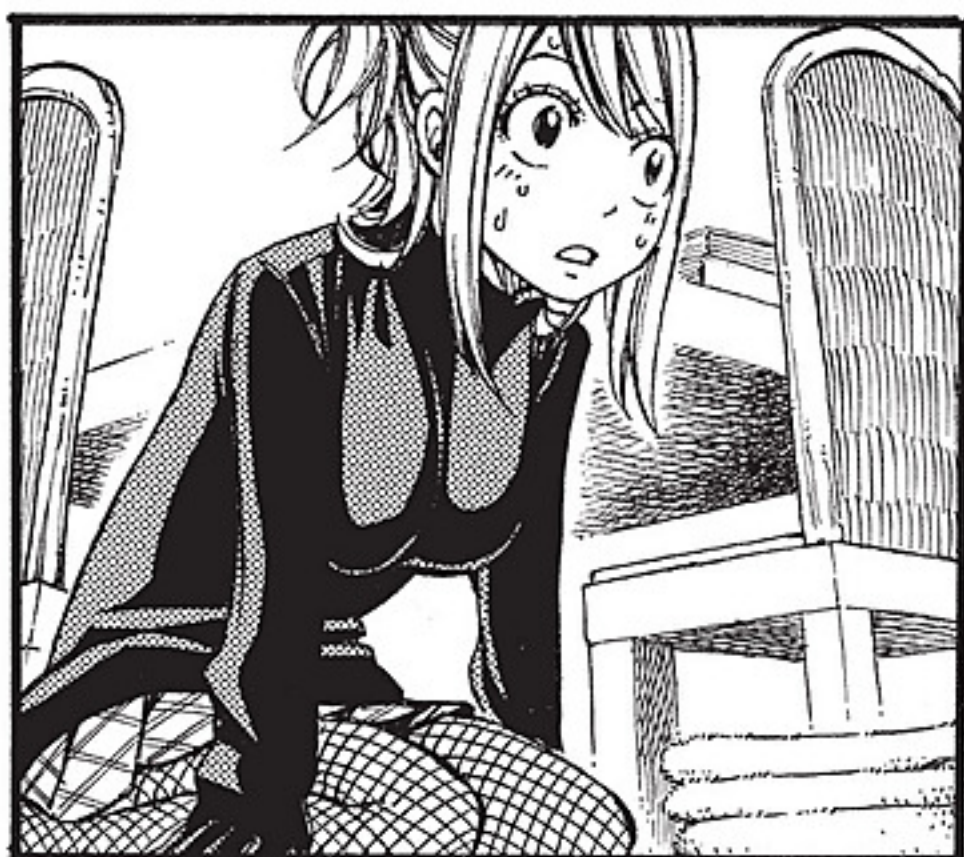
So snow falls in Magnolia too, huh?



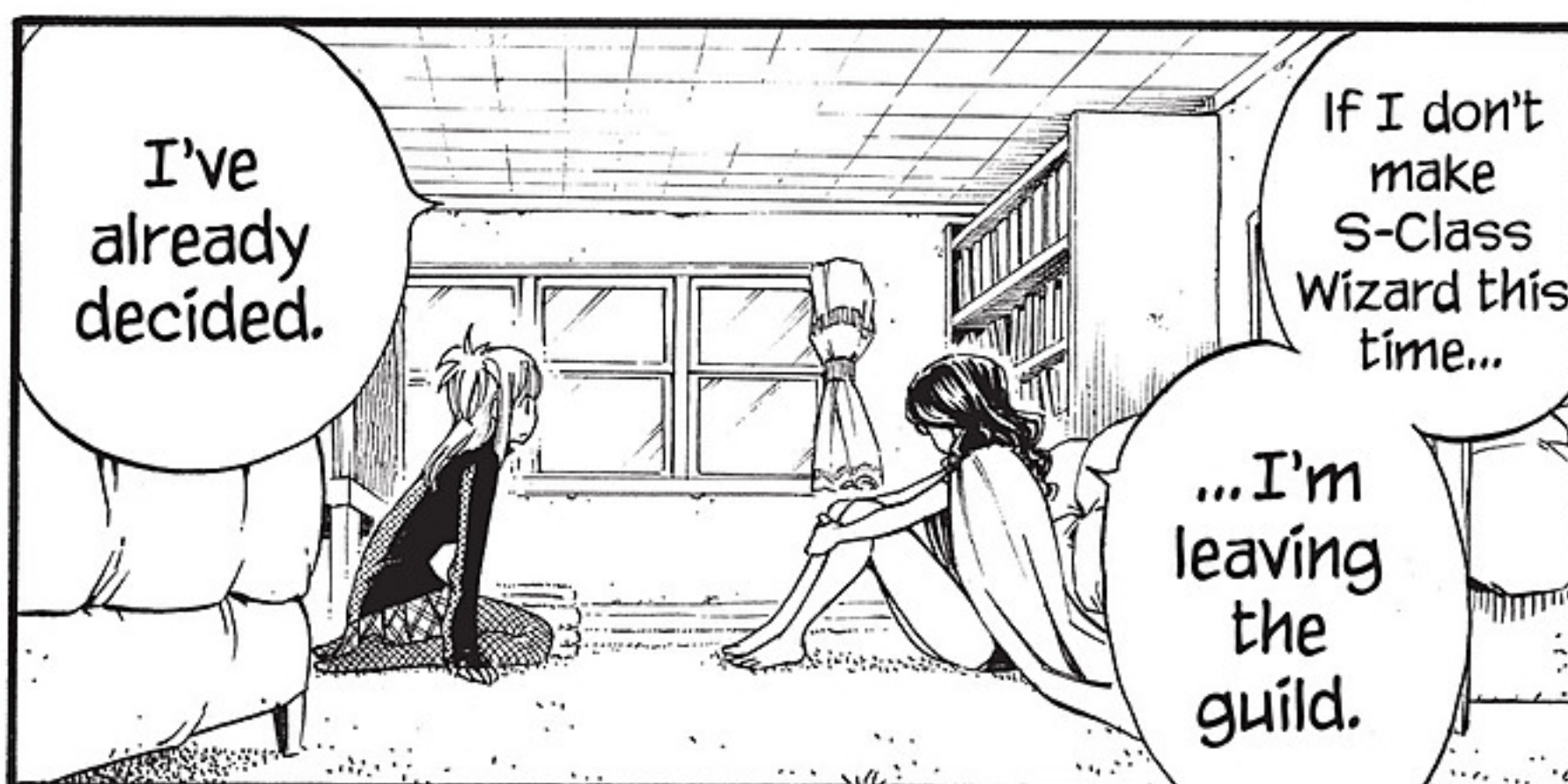








... And
that's
the
story
...



I've
already
decided.

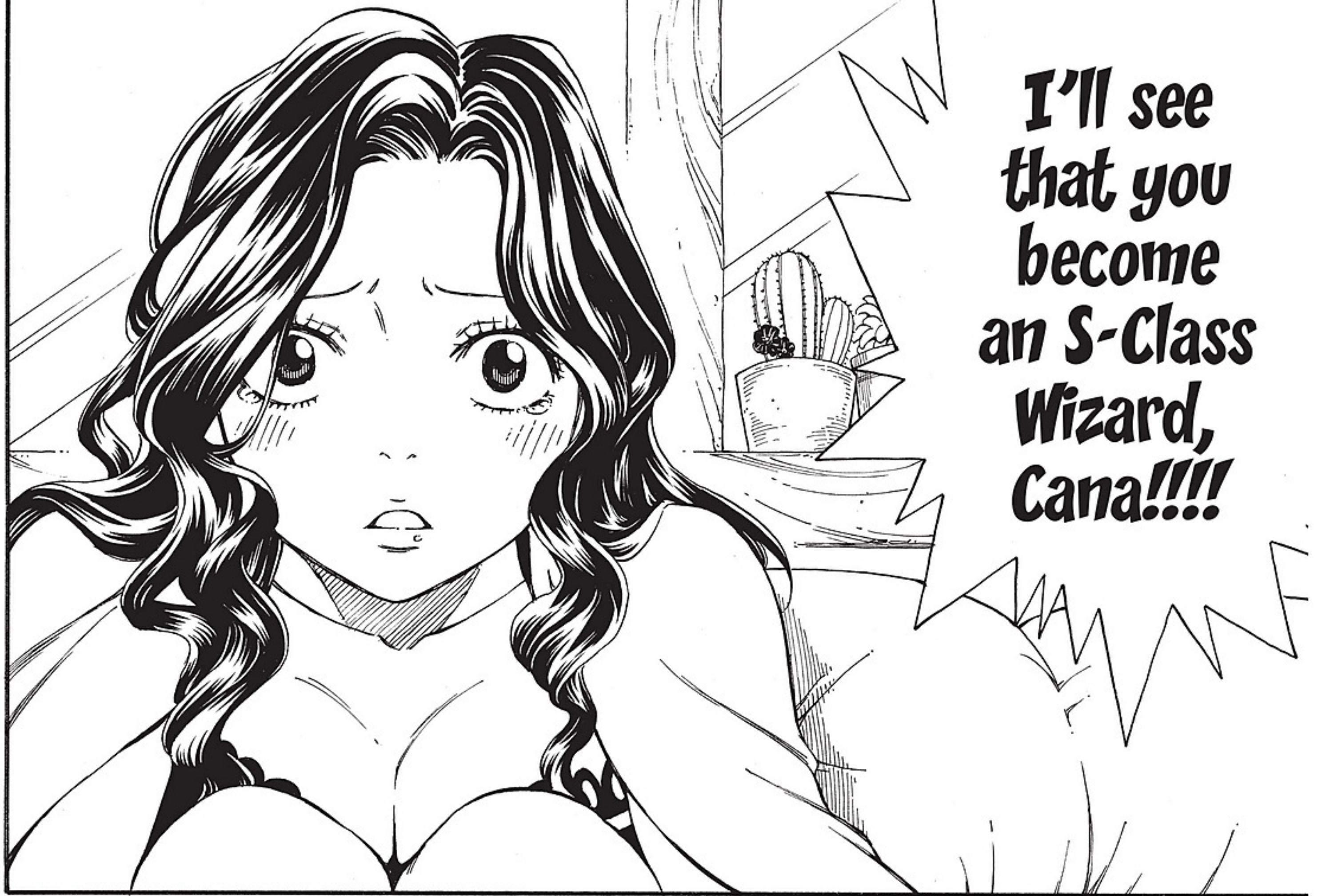
If I don't
make
S-Class
Wizard this
time...

...I'm
leaving
the
guild.



**I'll make
sure you
never
leave the
guild!!!!**

**Then I'll
be your
partner,
Cana!!!!**

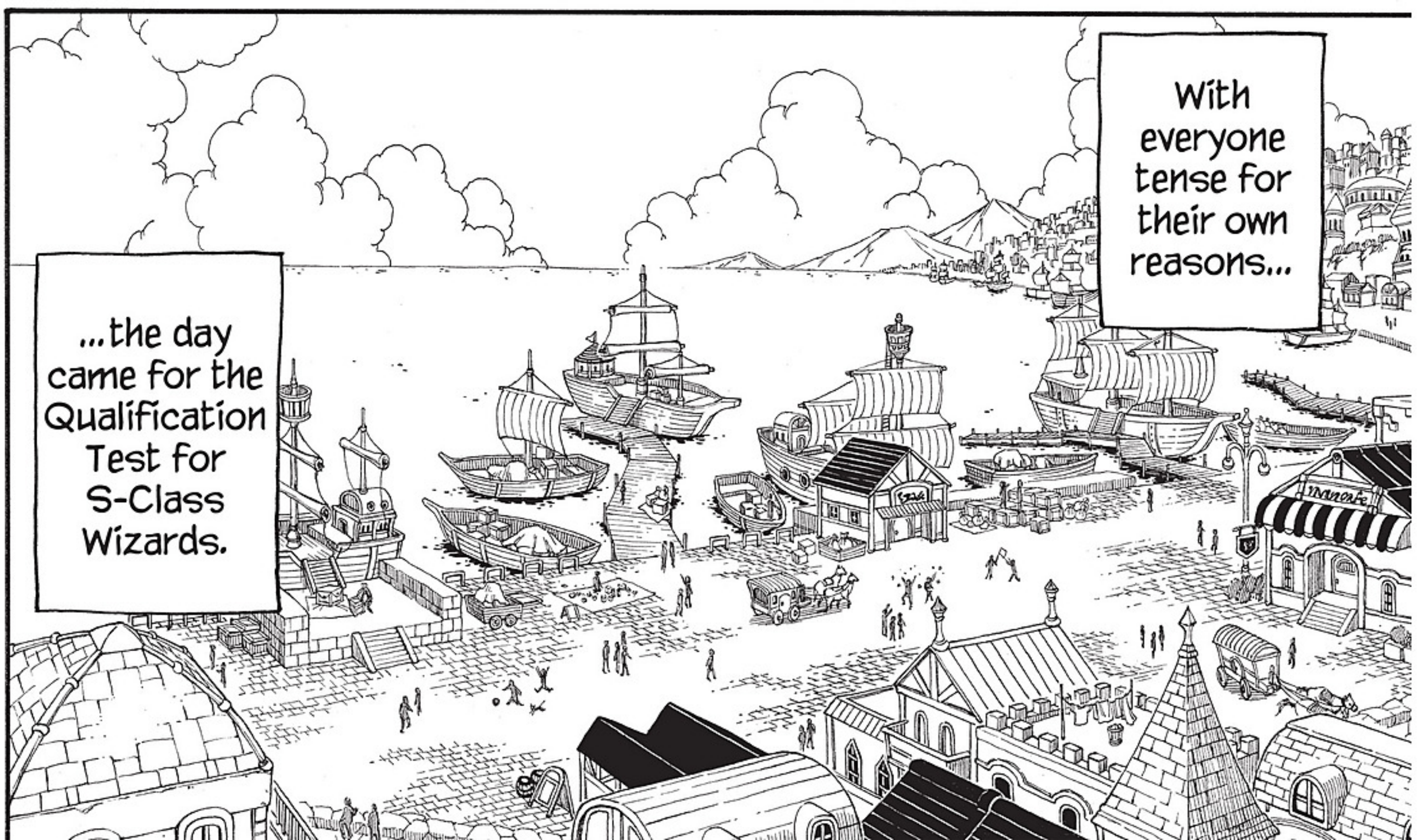
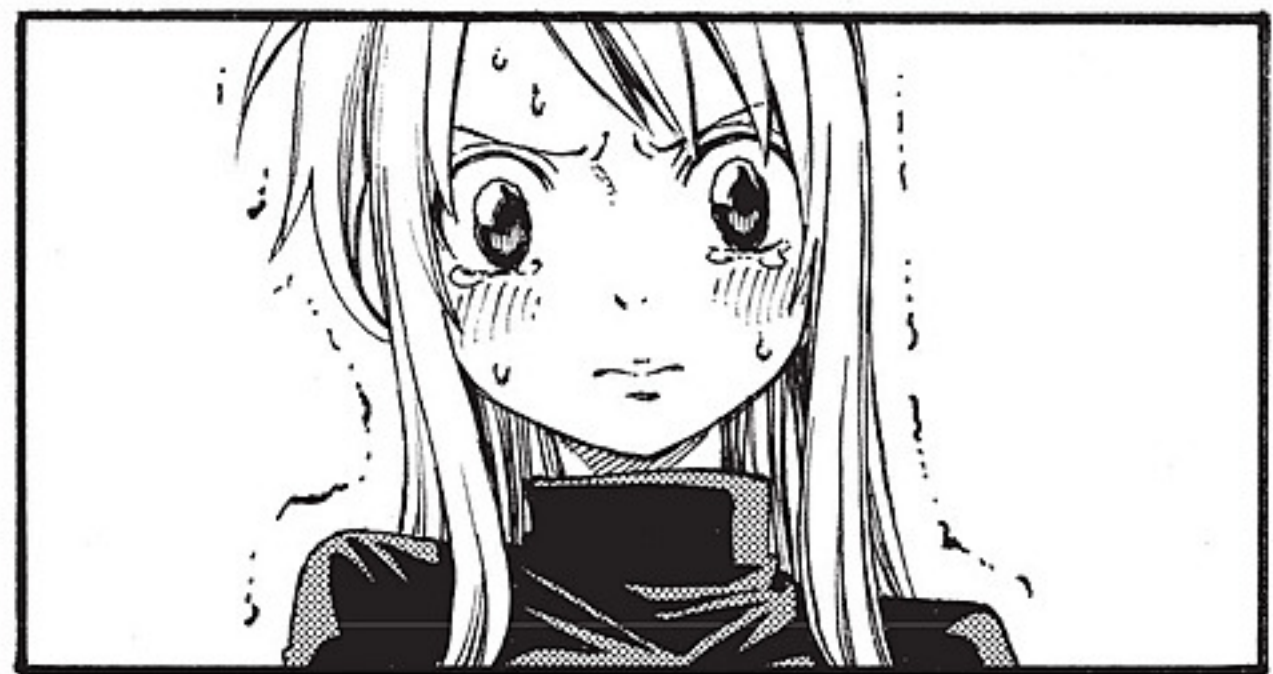


**I'll see
that you
become
an S-Class
Wizard,
Cana!!!!**



Lucy...

PLIP
お



...the day
came for the
Qualification
Test for
S-Class
Wizards.

With
everyone
tense for
their own
reasons...

FAIRY TAIL

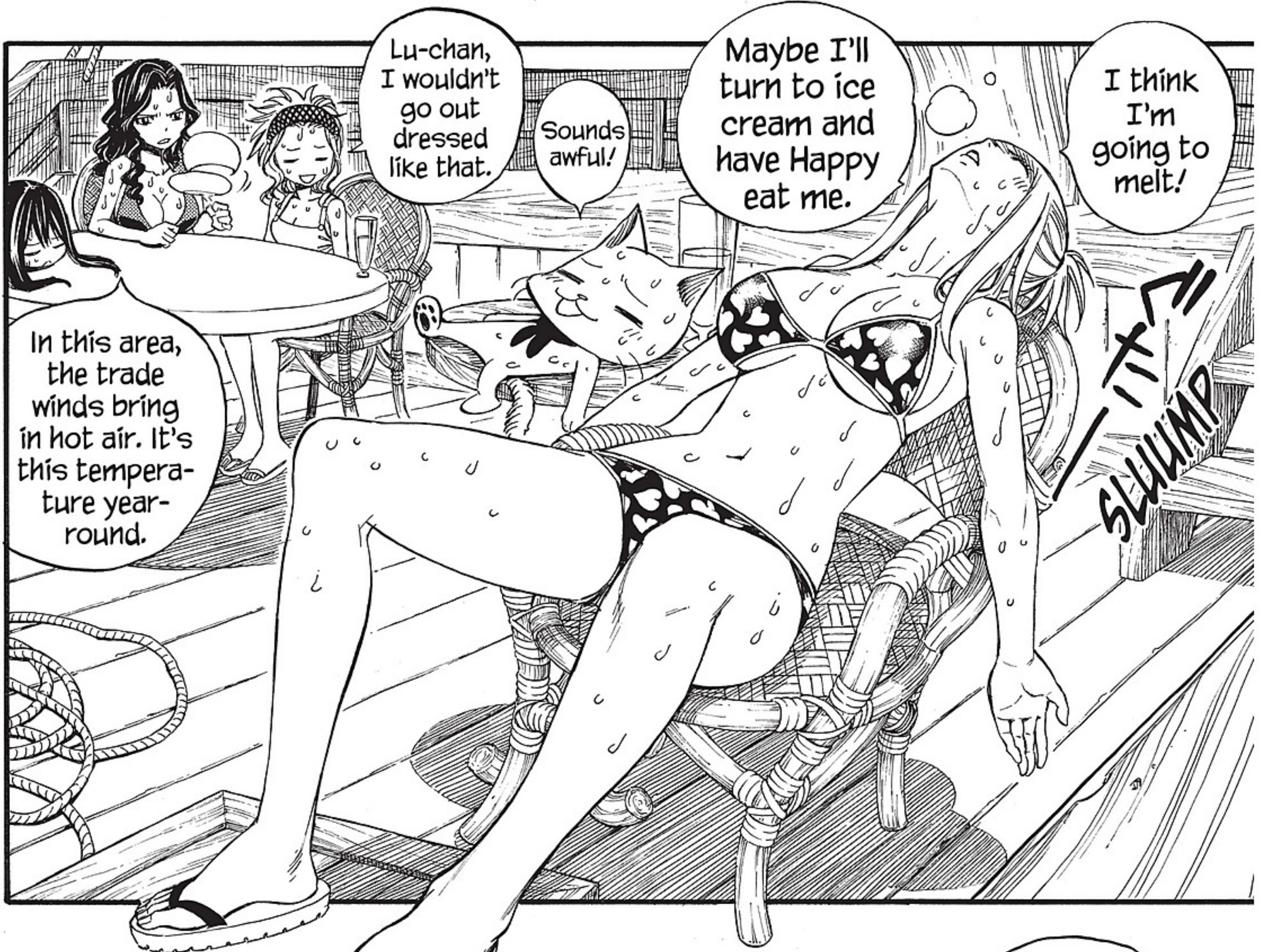
Chapter 203, Eight Paths





It was
just winter!
What's all this
about...

It's hot!!!



Lu-chan,
I wouldn't
go out
dressed
like that.

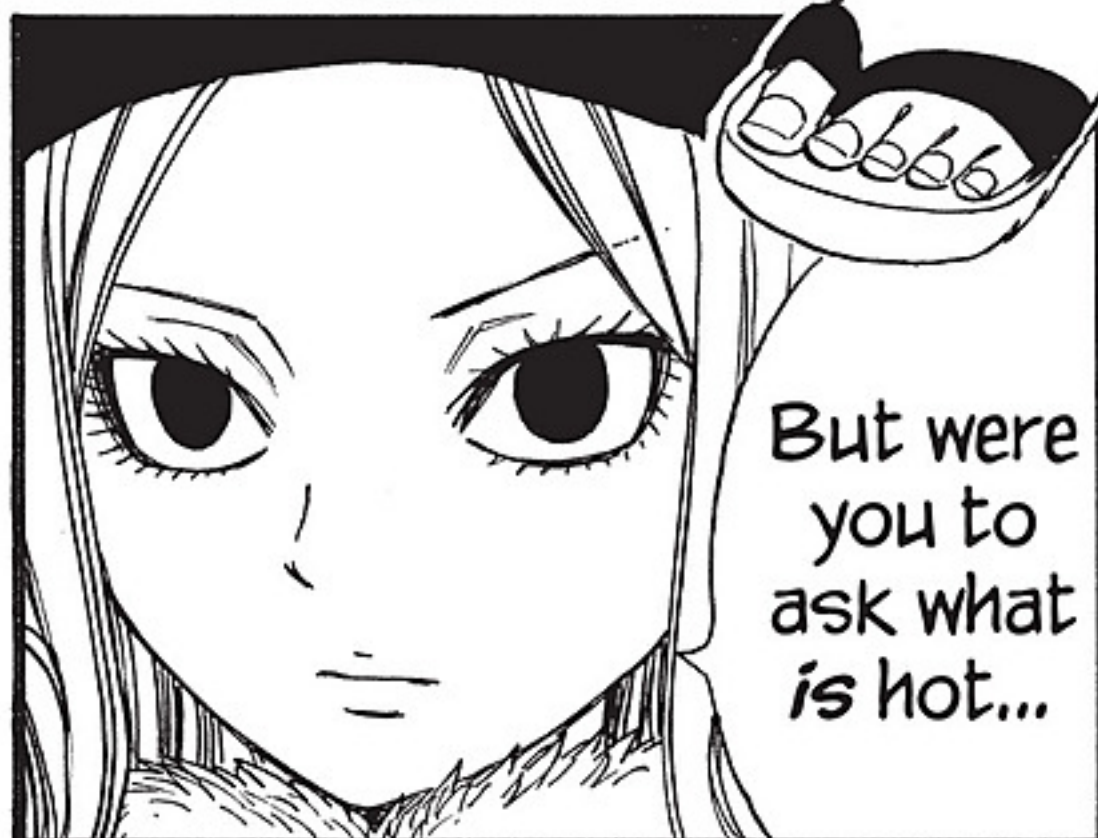
Sounds
awful!

Maybe I'll
turn to ice
cream and
have Happy
eat me.

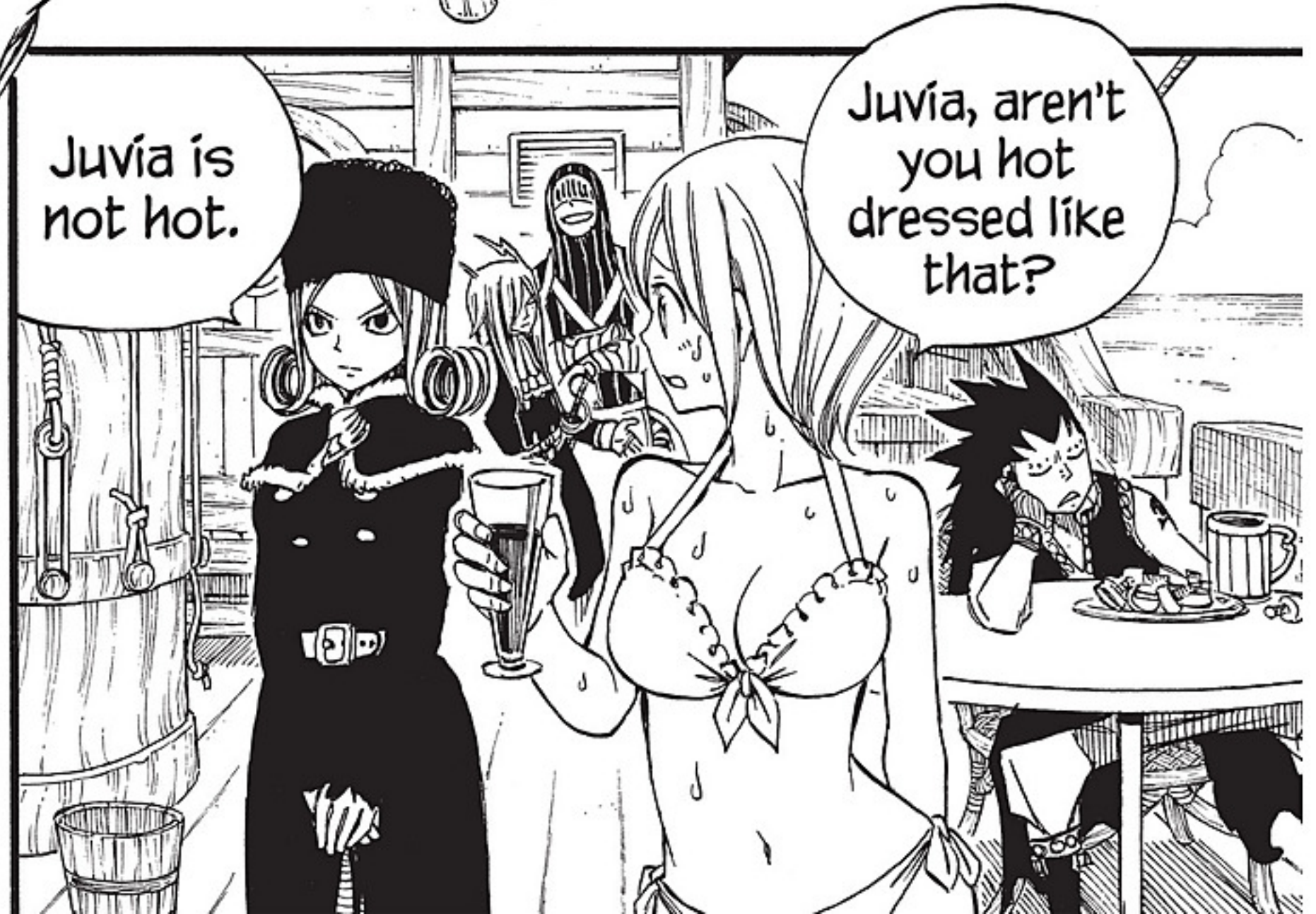
I think
I'm
going to
melt!

In this area,
the trade
winds bring
in hot air. It's
this tempera-
ture year-
round.

SLUMP

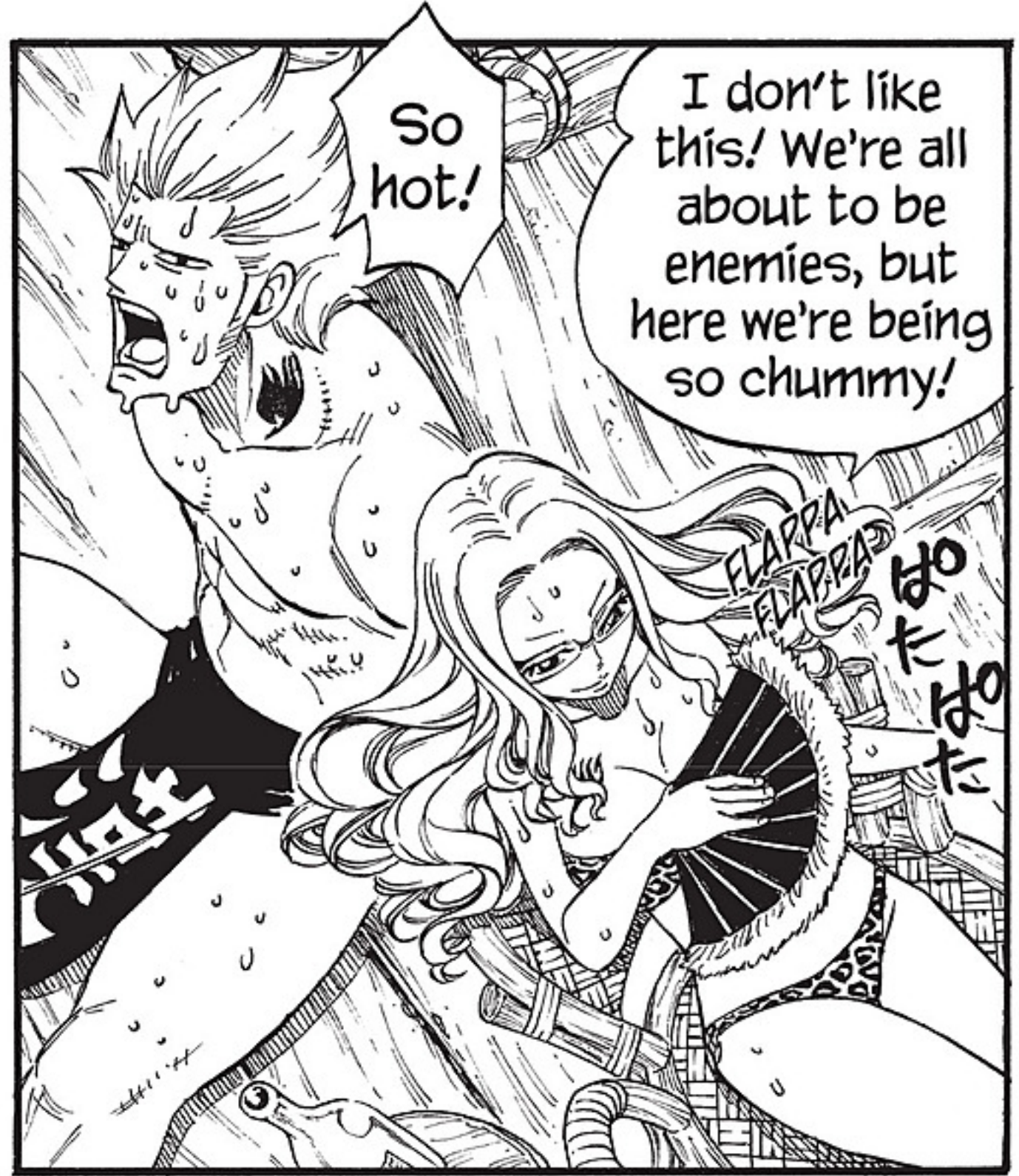
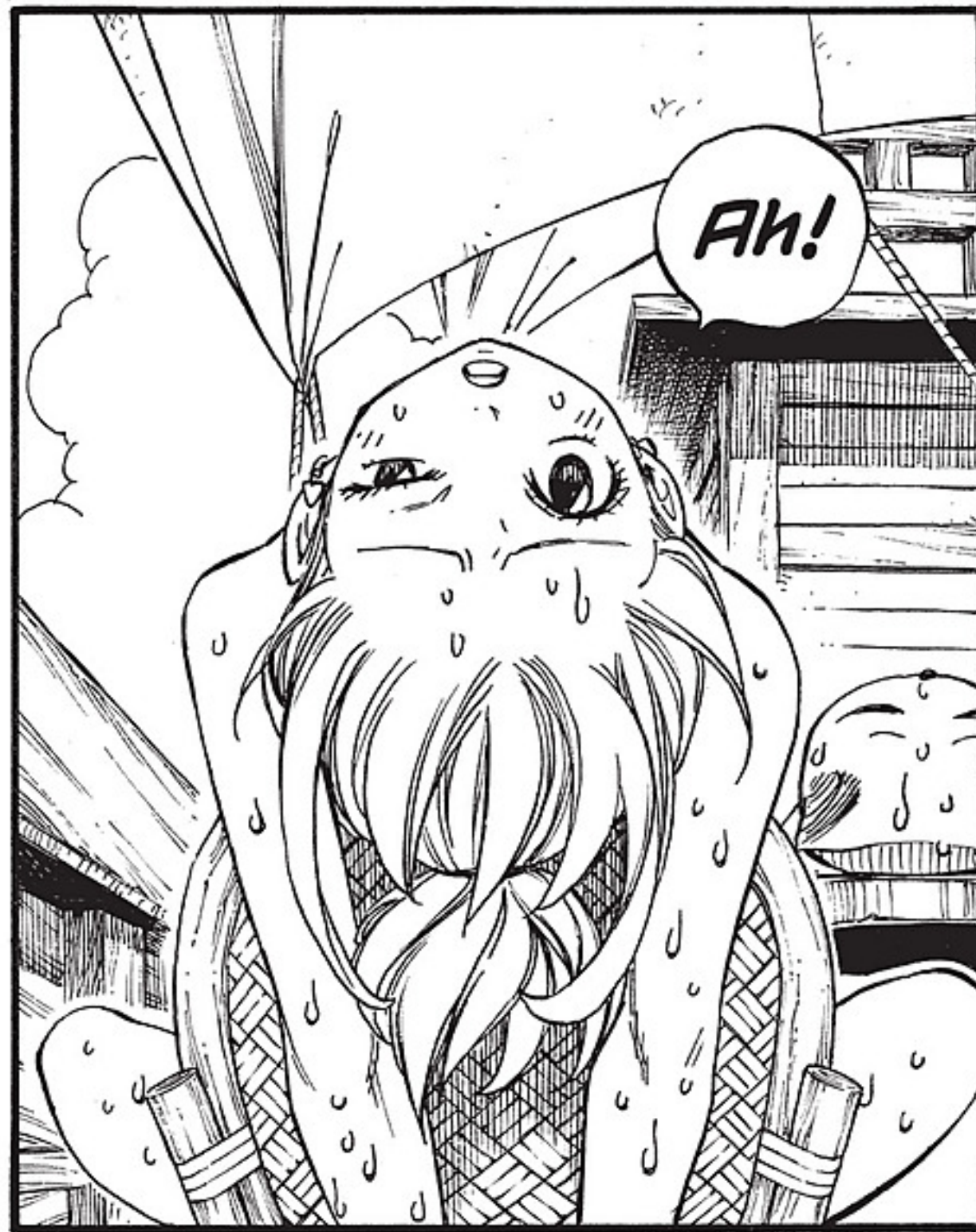
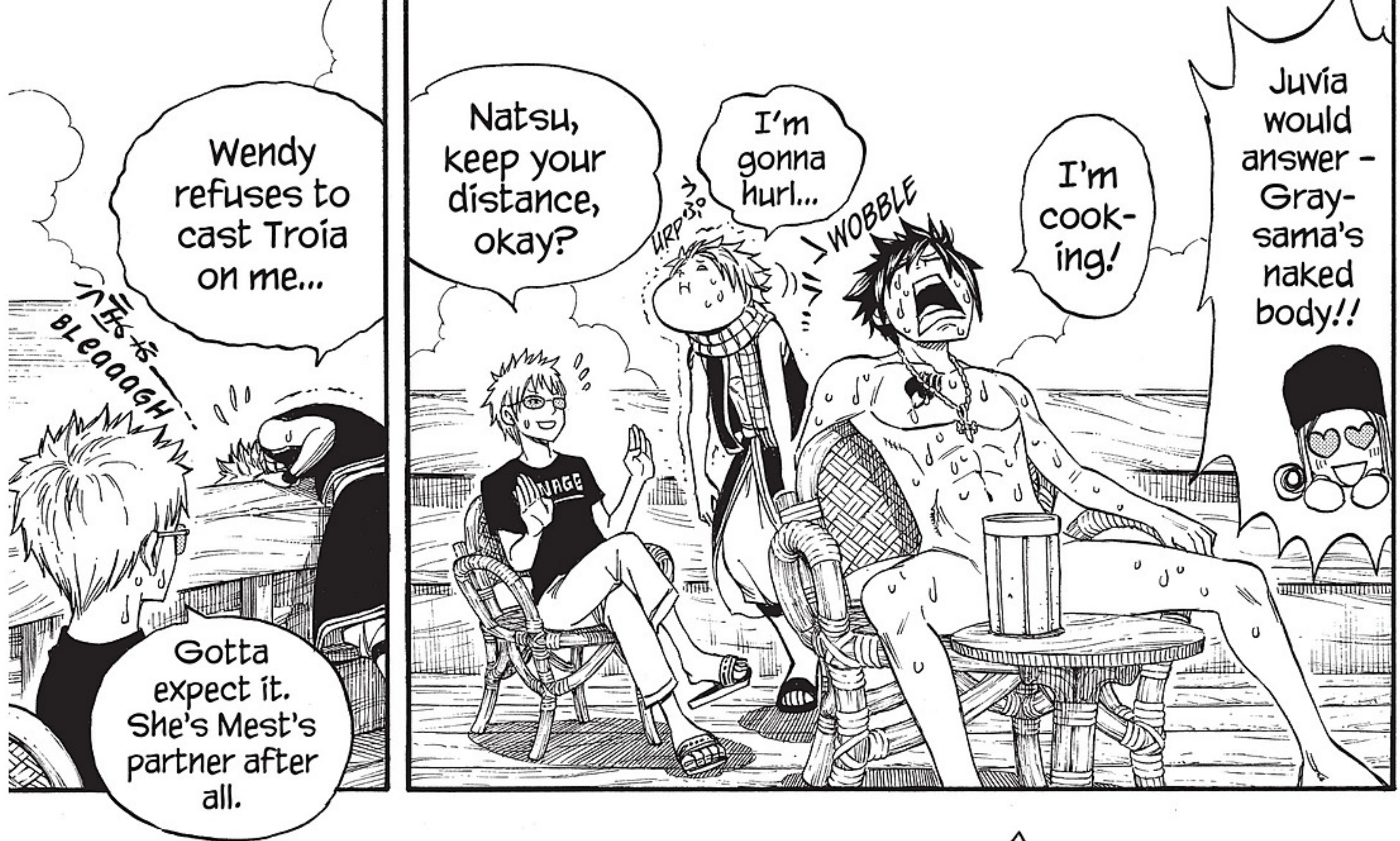


But were
you to
ask what
is hot...

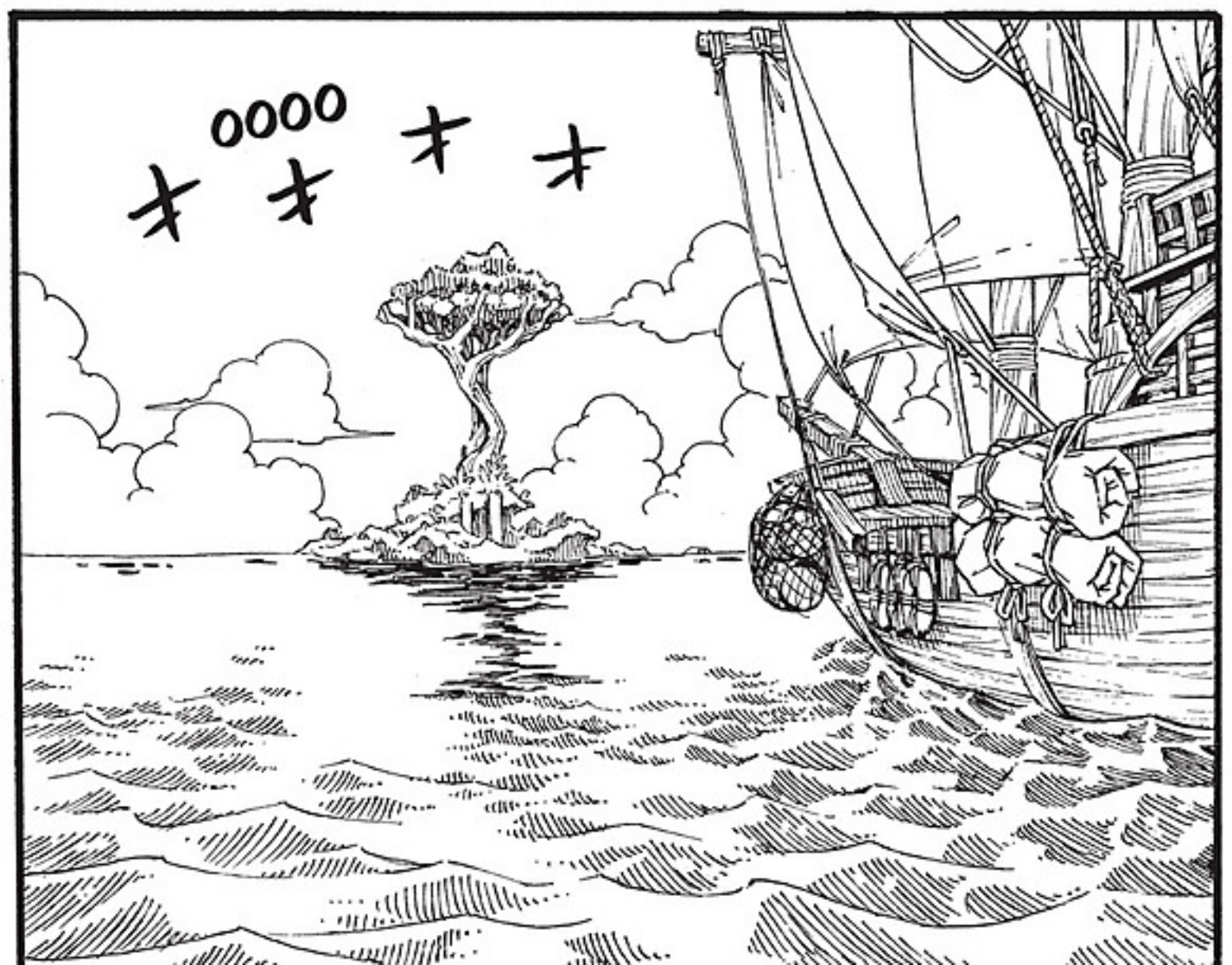
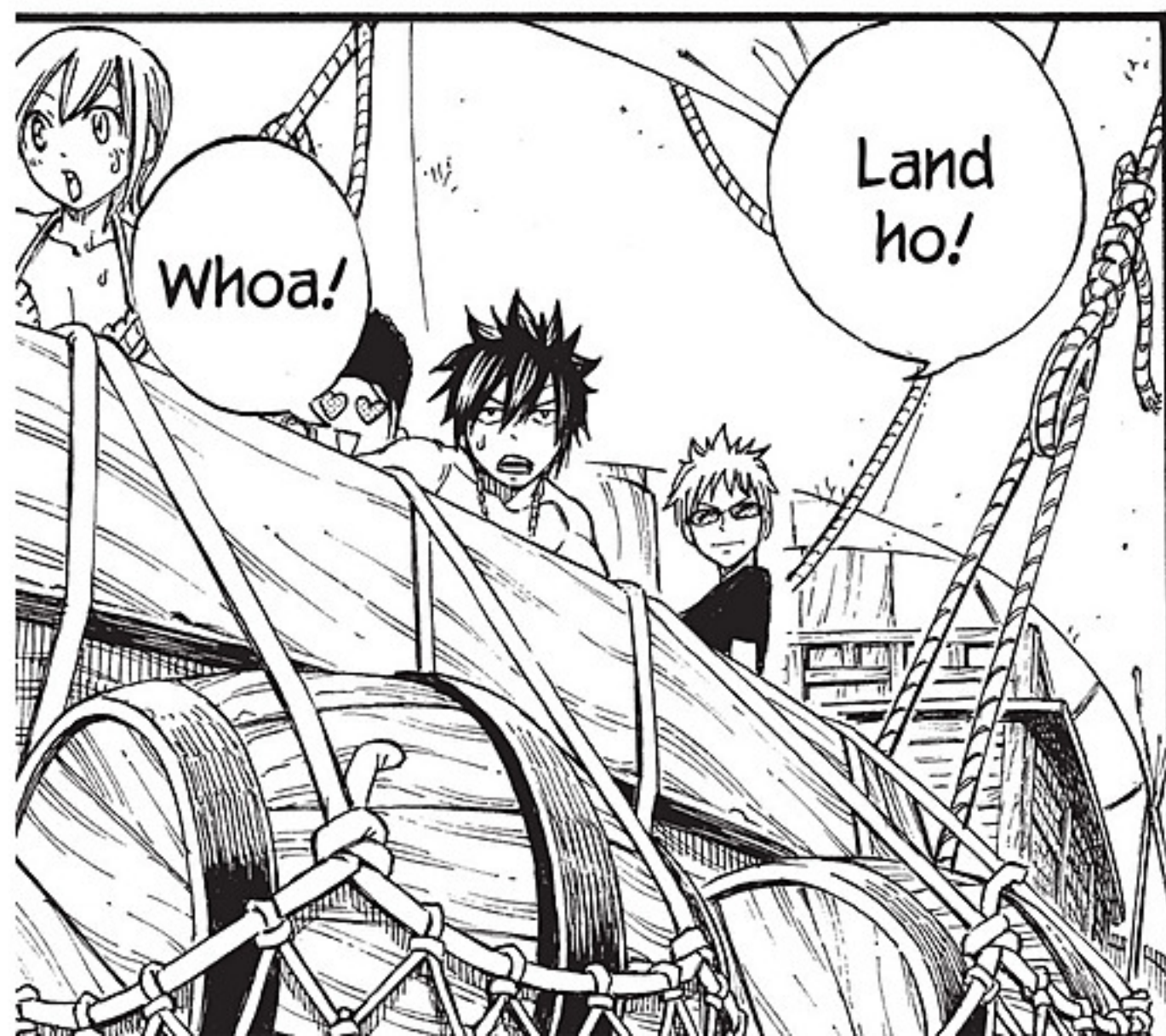


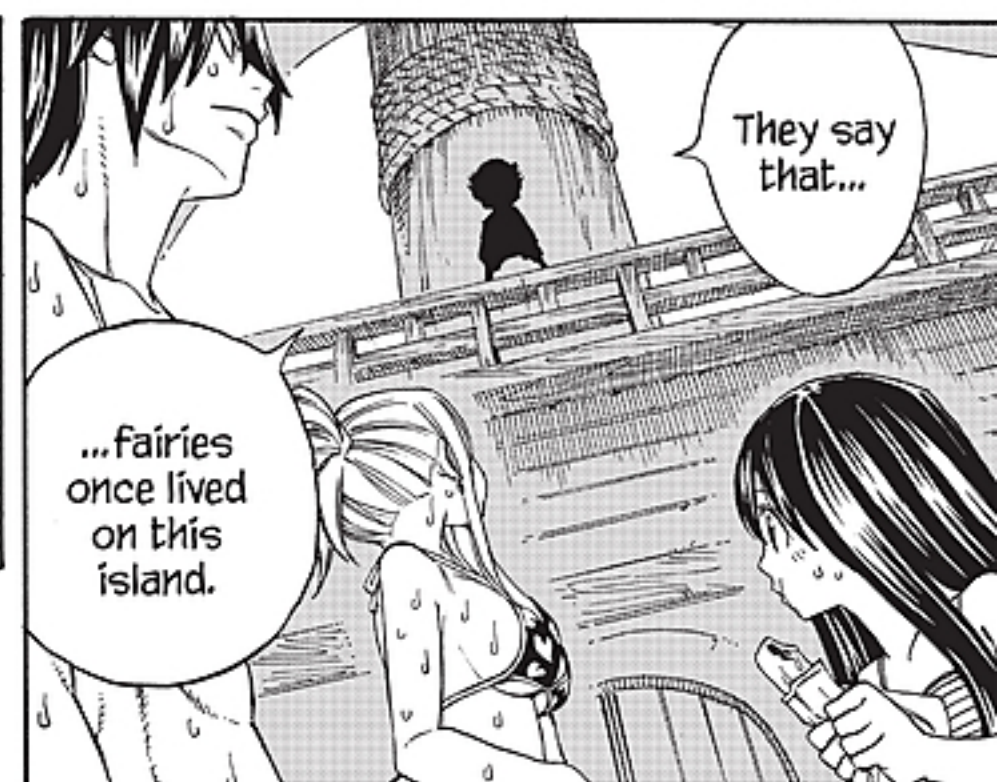
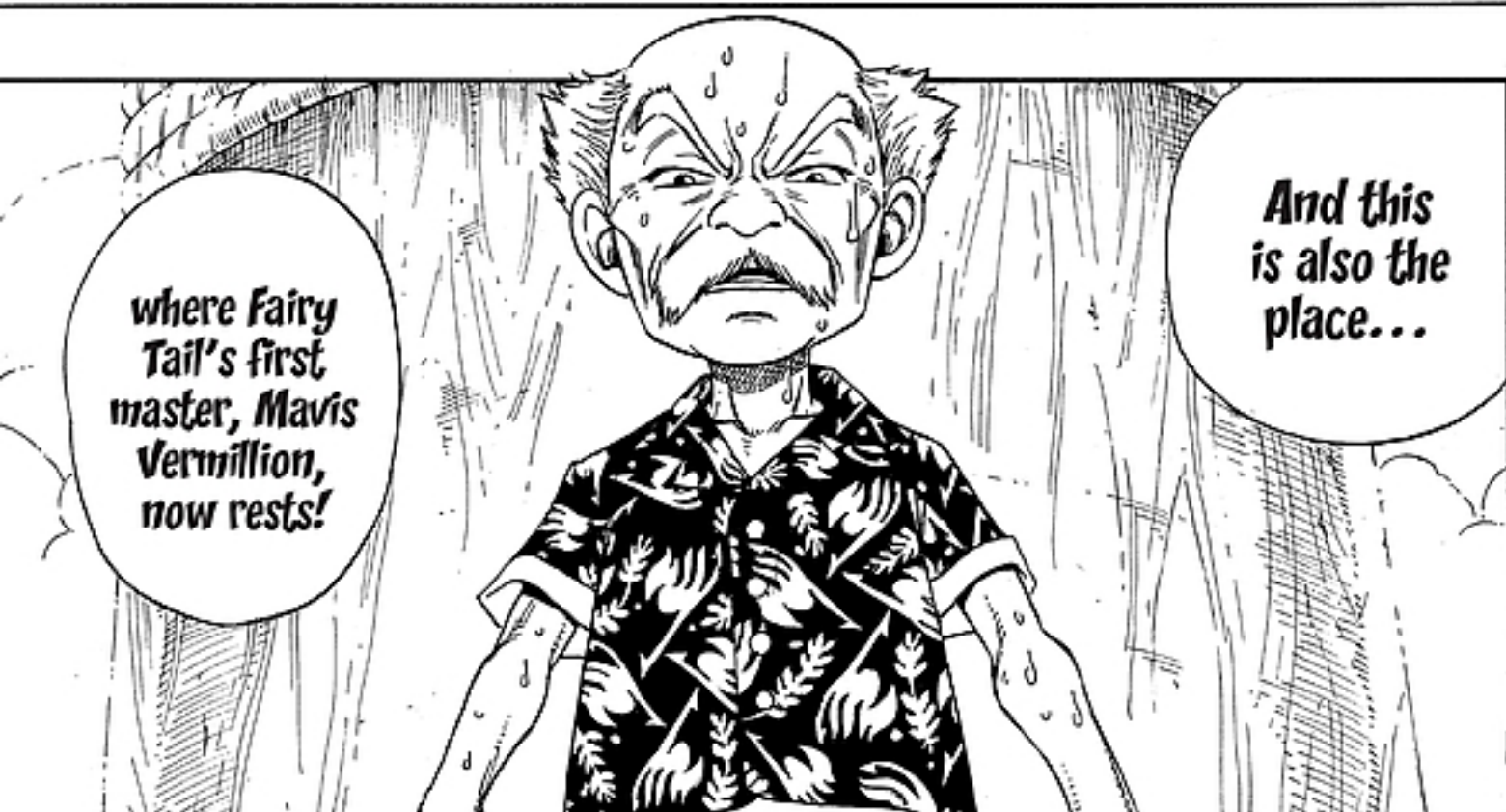
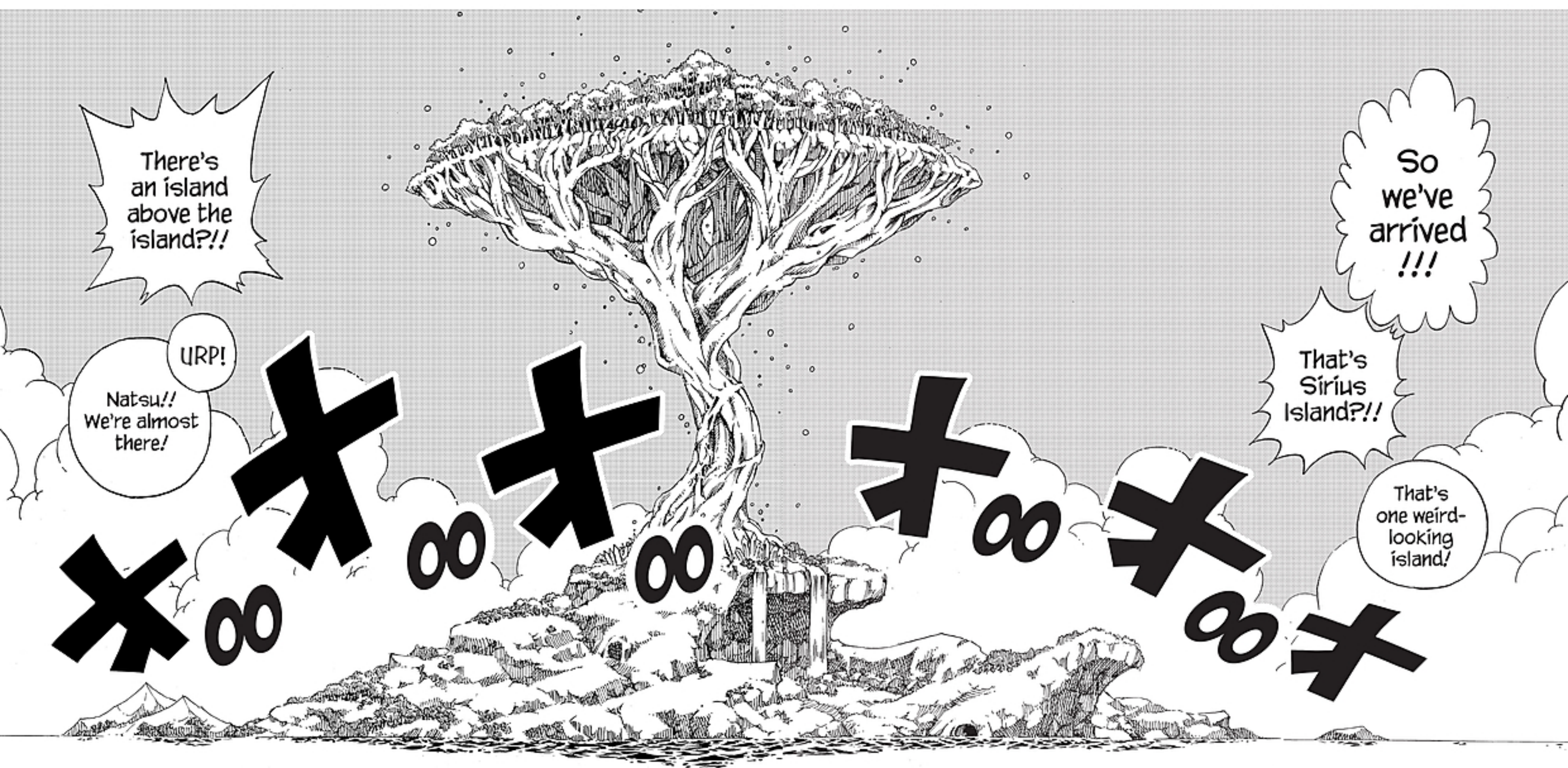
Juvia is
not hot.

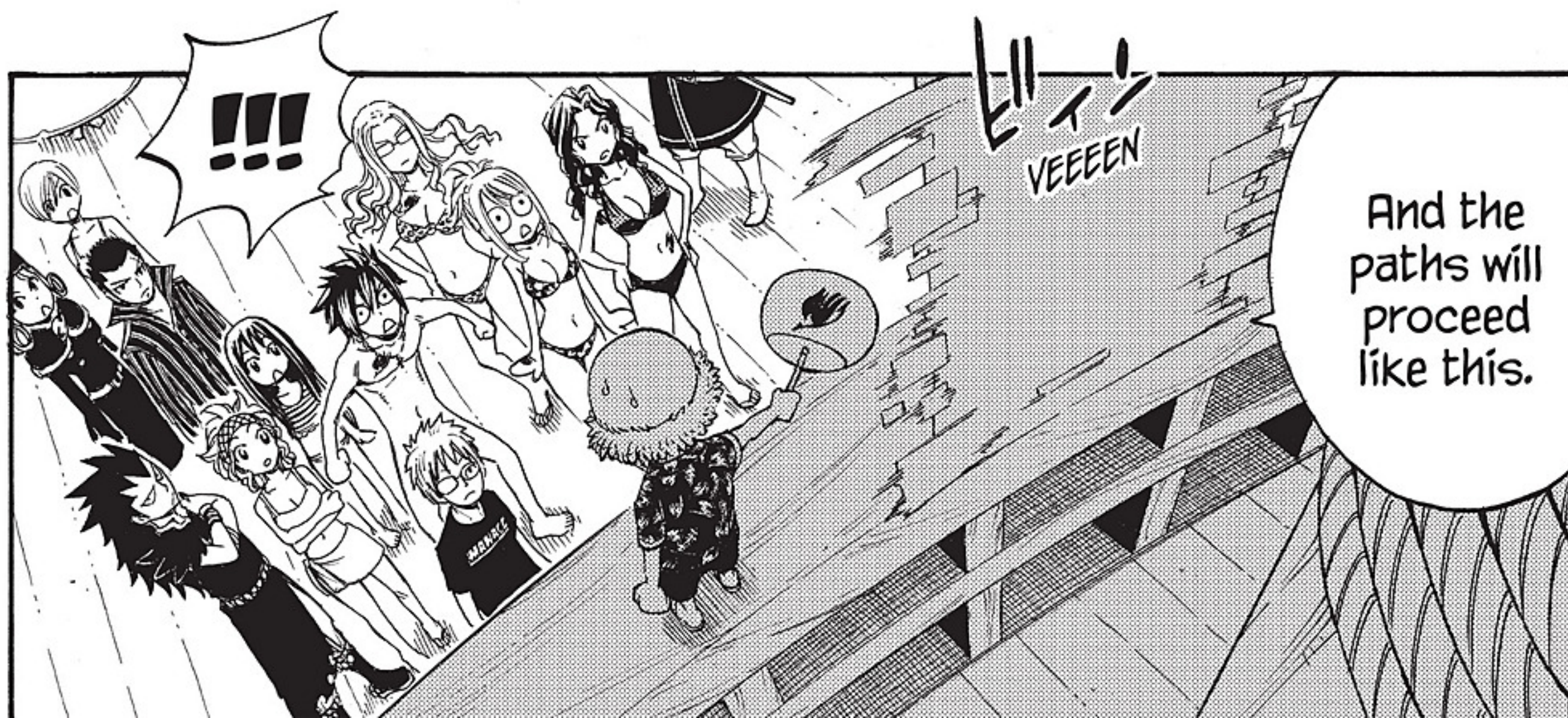
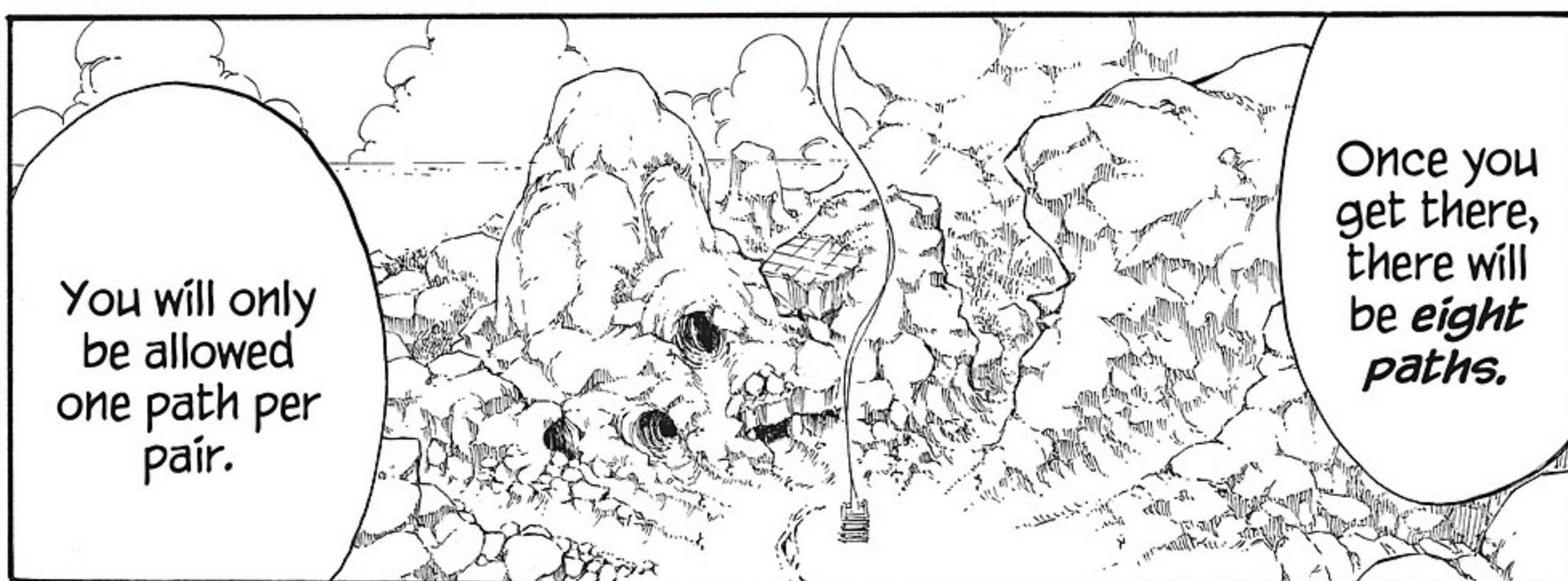
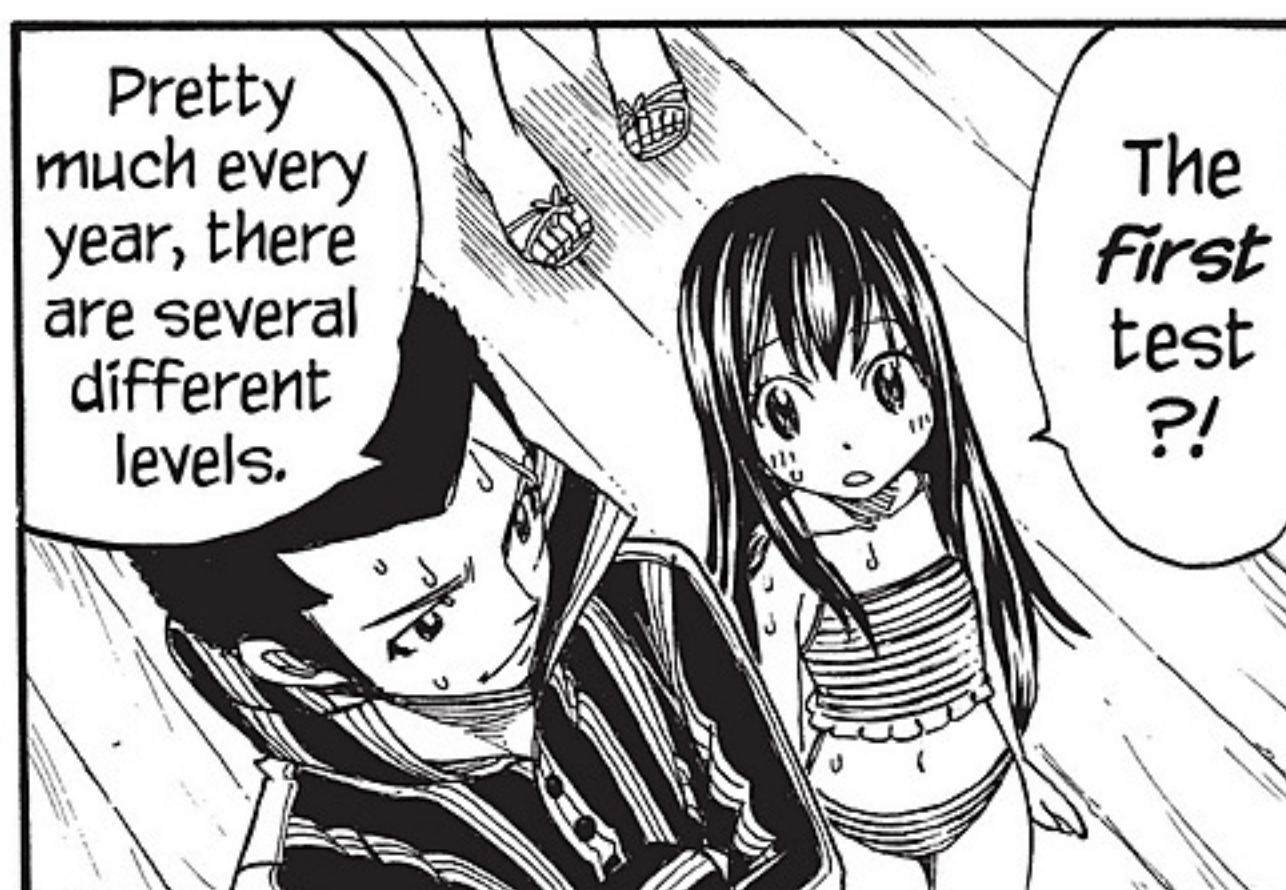
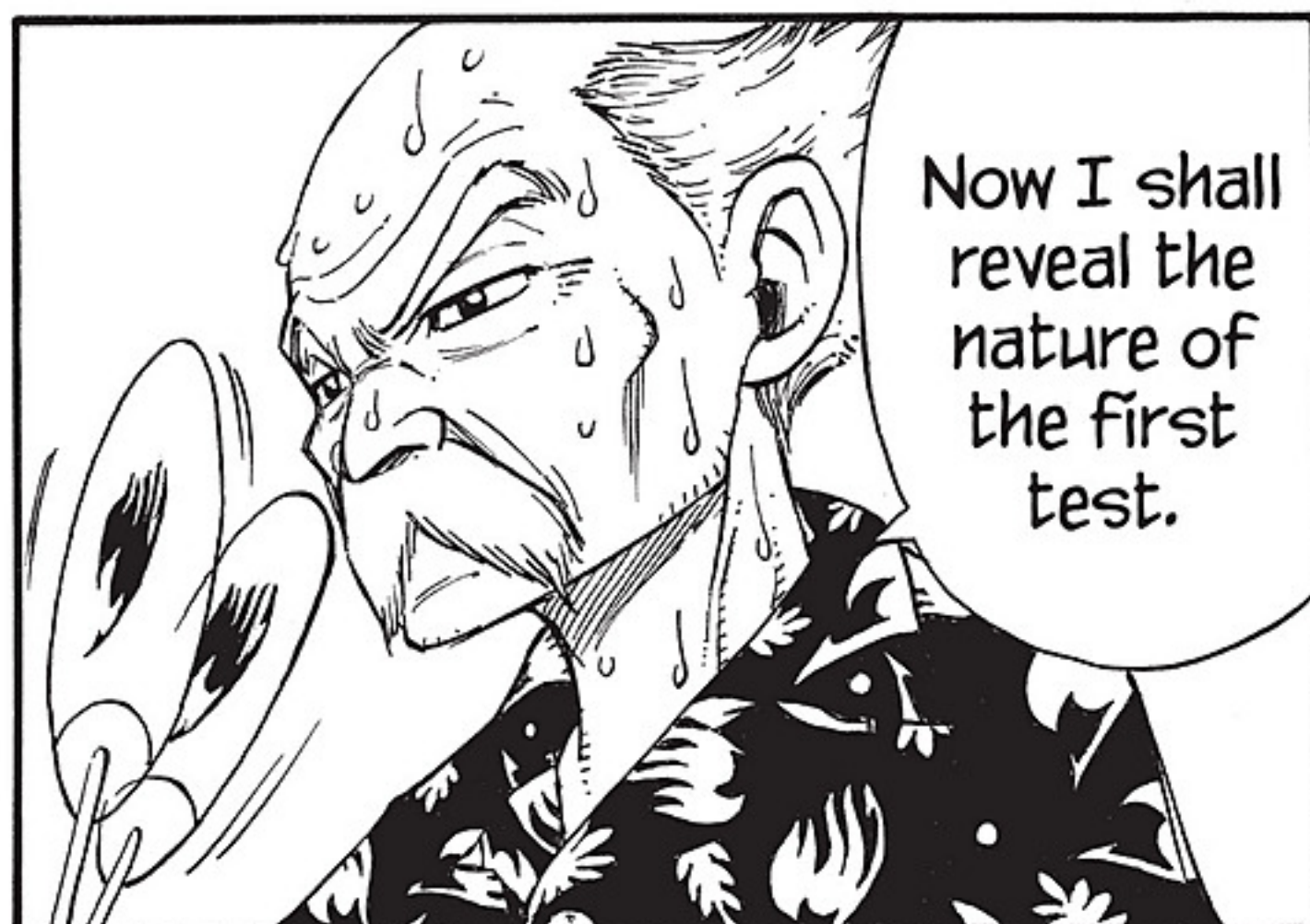
Juvia, aren't
you hot
dressed like
that?

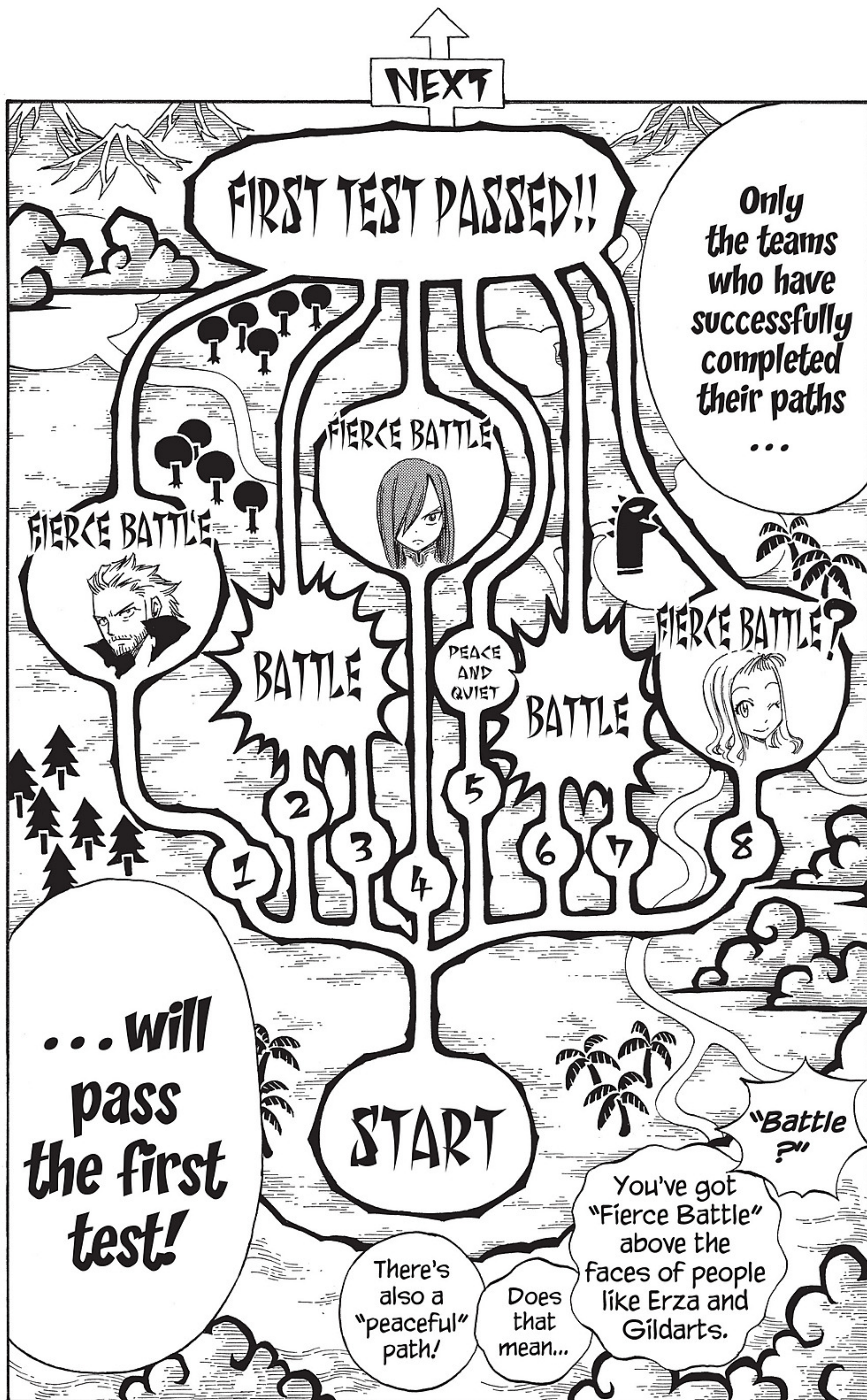


*Loincloth: "Man"

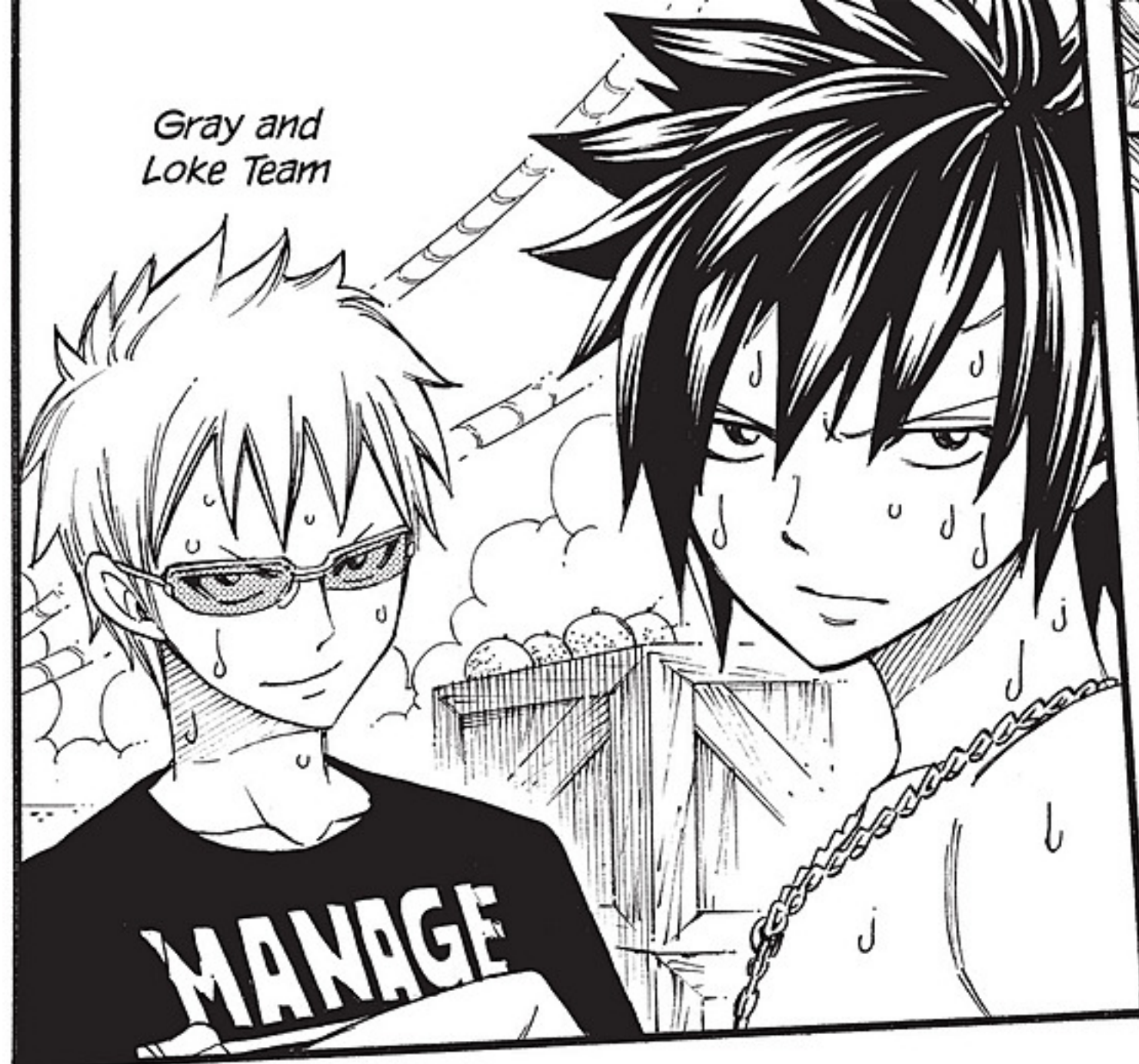








Gray and
Loke Team

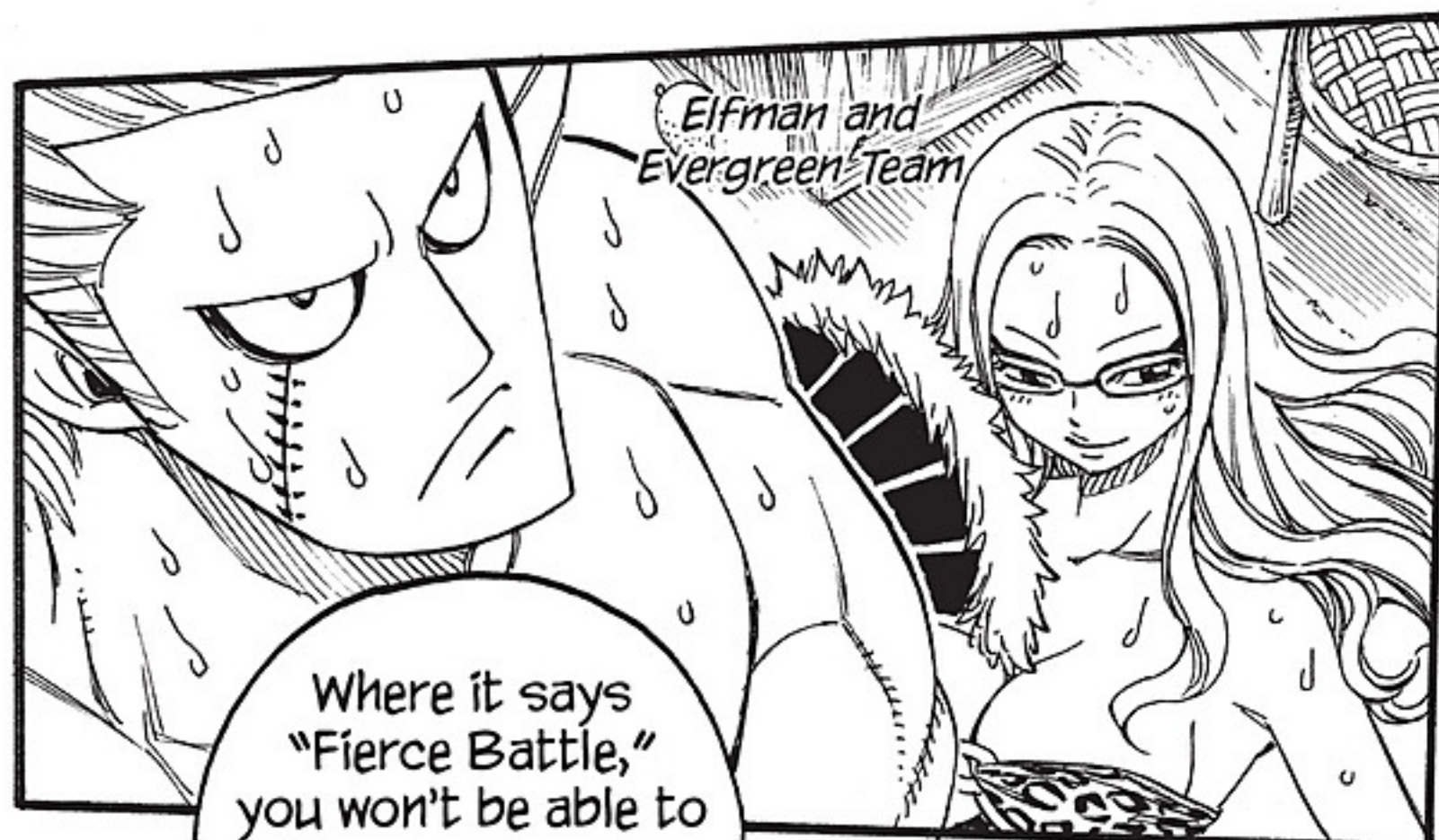


Natsu and
Happy Team



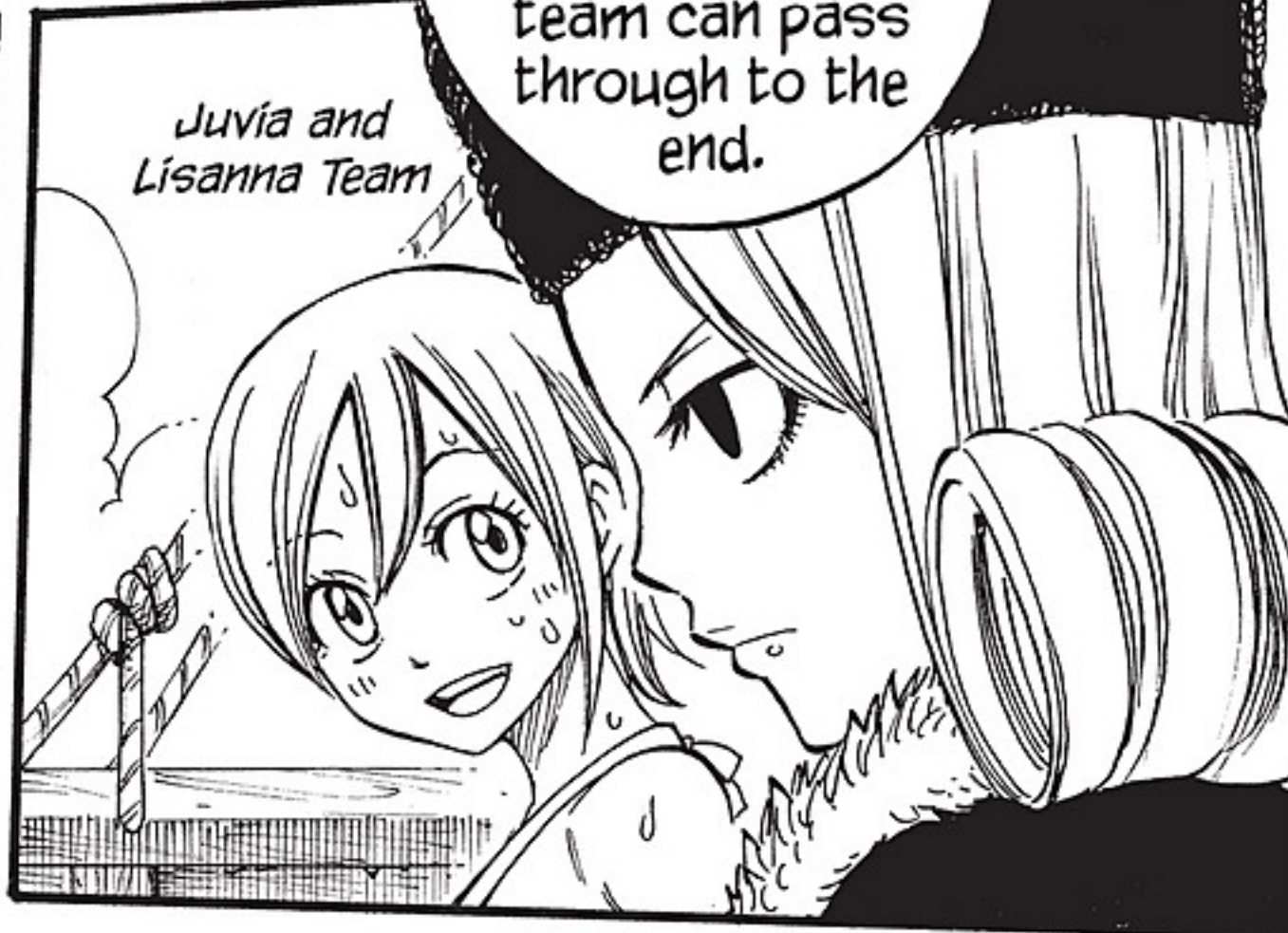
Of the
eight paths, the
"Battle" routes are
where two teams
will bump into each
other. Only one
team can pass
through to the end.

Elfman and
Evergreen Team

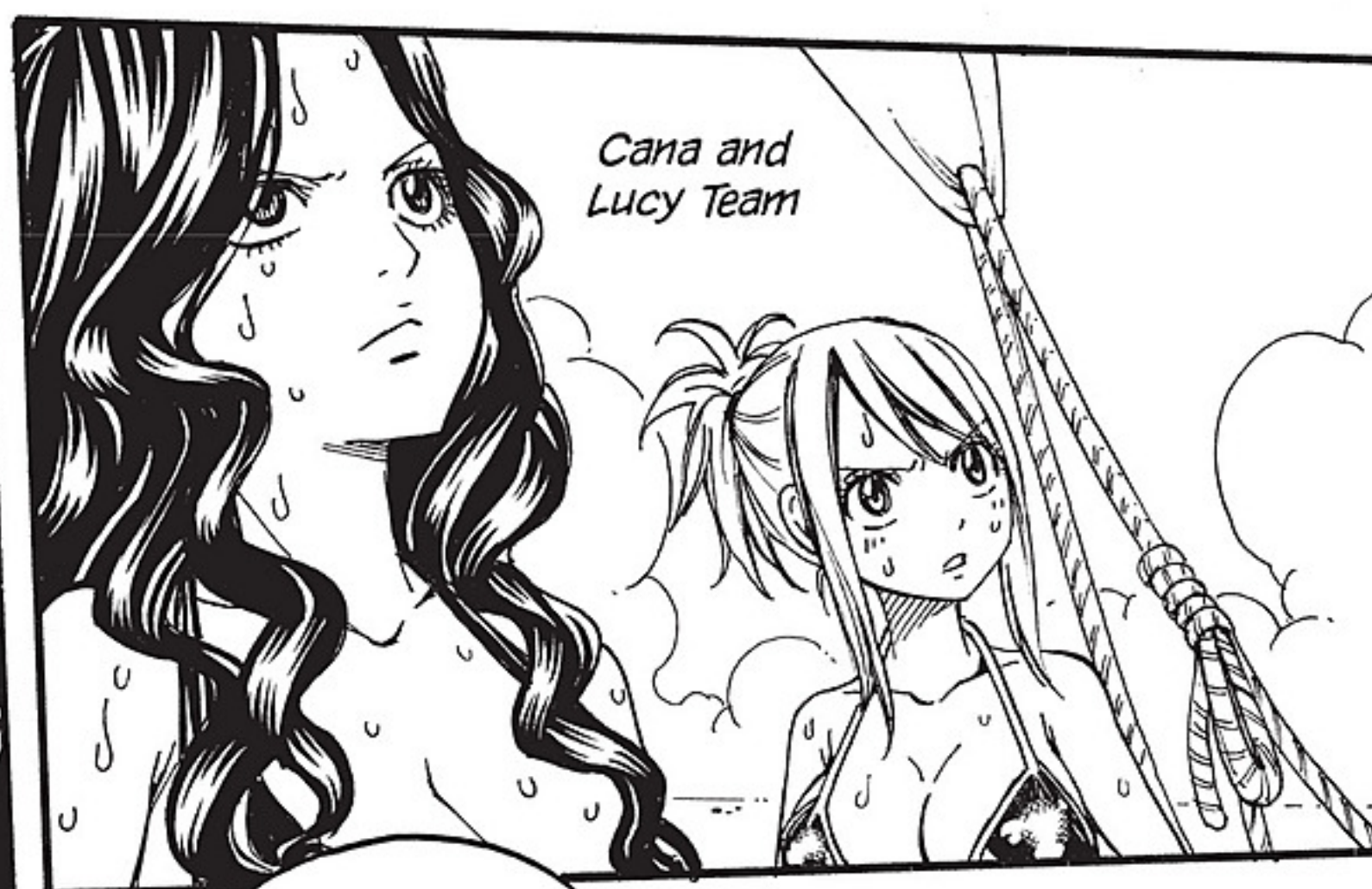


Where it says
"Fierce Battle,"
you won't be able to
advance unless you
defeat an S-Class
wizard. Those
are the toughest
routes.

Juvia and
Lisanna Team



Cana and
Lucy Team

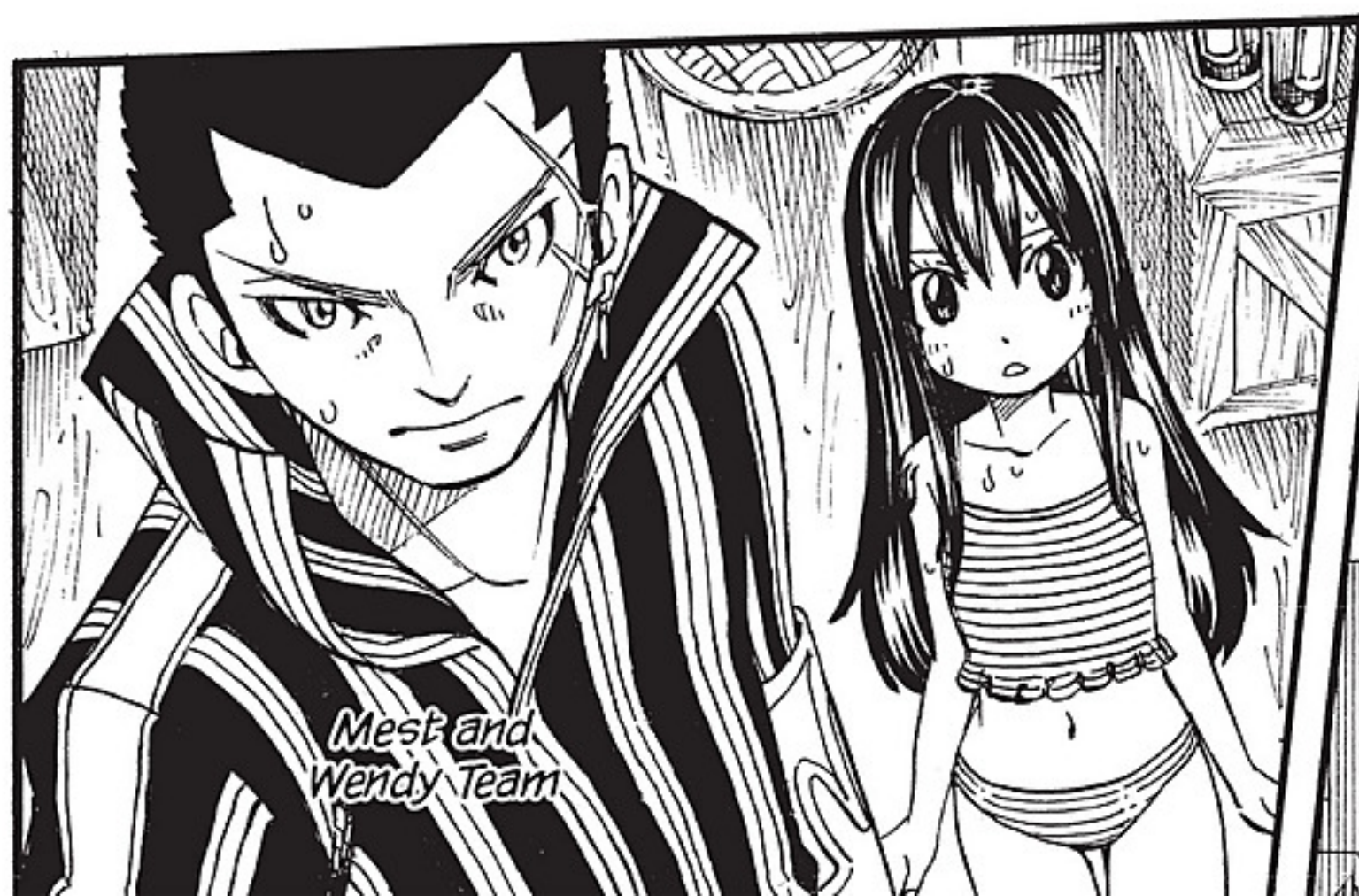


Fried and
Bickslow Team



The "peace and
quiet" path is one
where there will be
no battles. It's an
automatic pass
to the second
test.

Mest and
Wendy Team

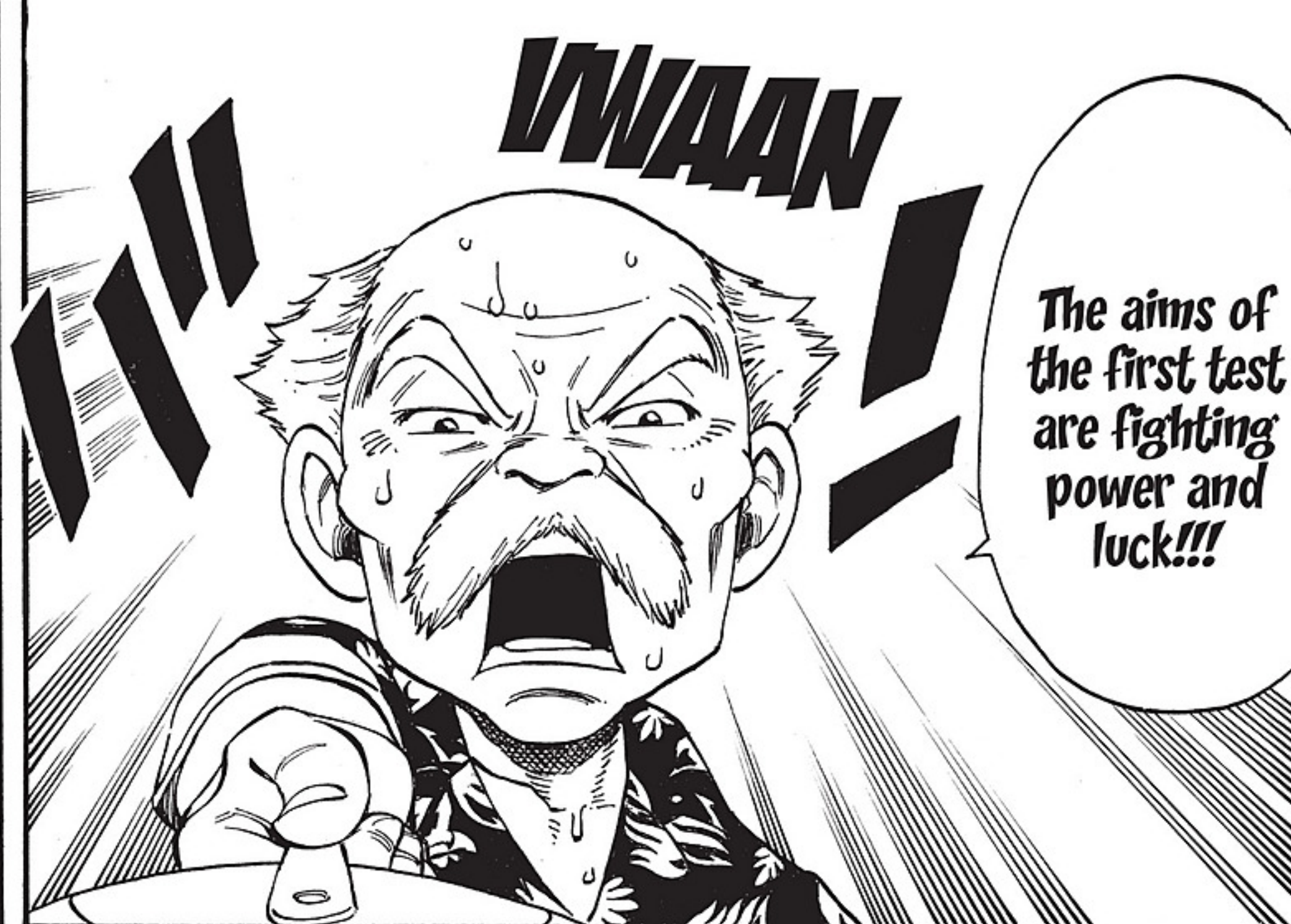


Levy and
Gajeel Team

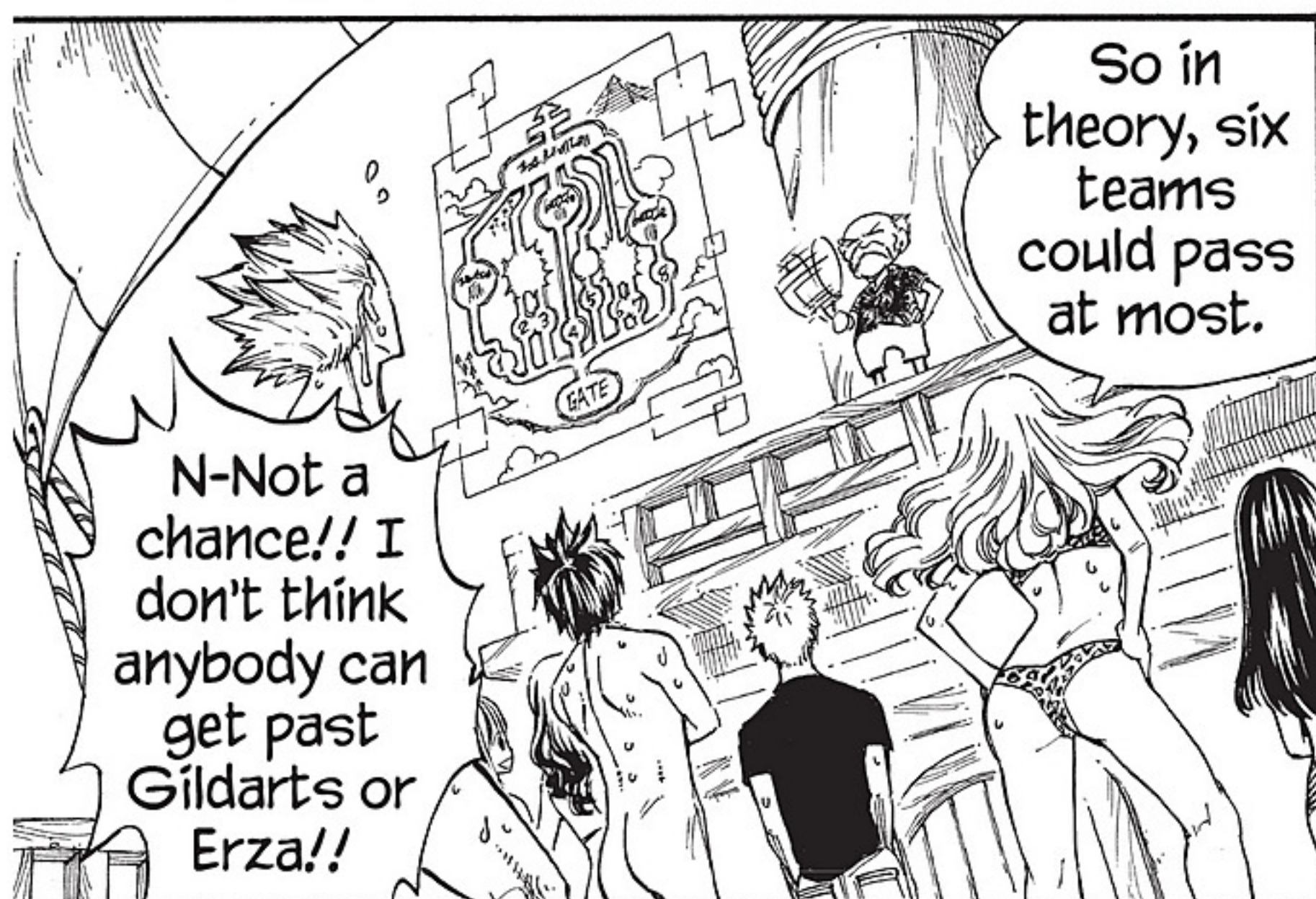




Did he
just
say...
Luck?



The aims of
the first test
are fighting
power and
luck!!!



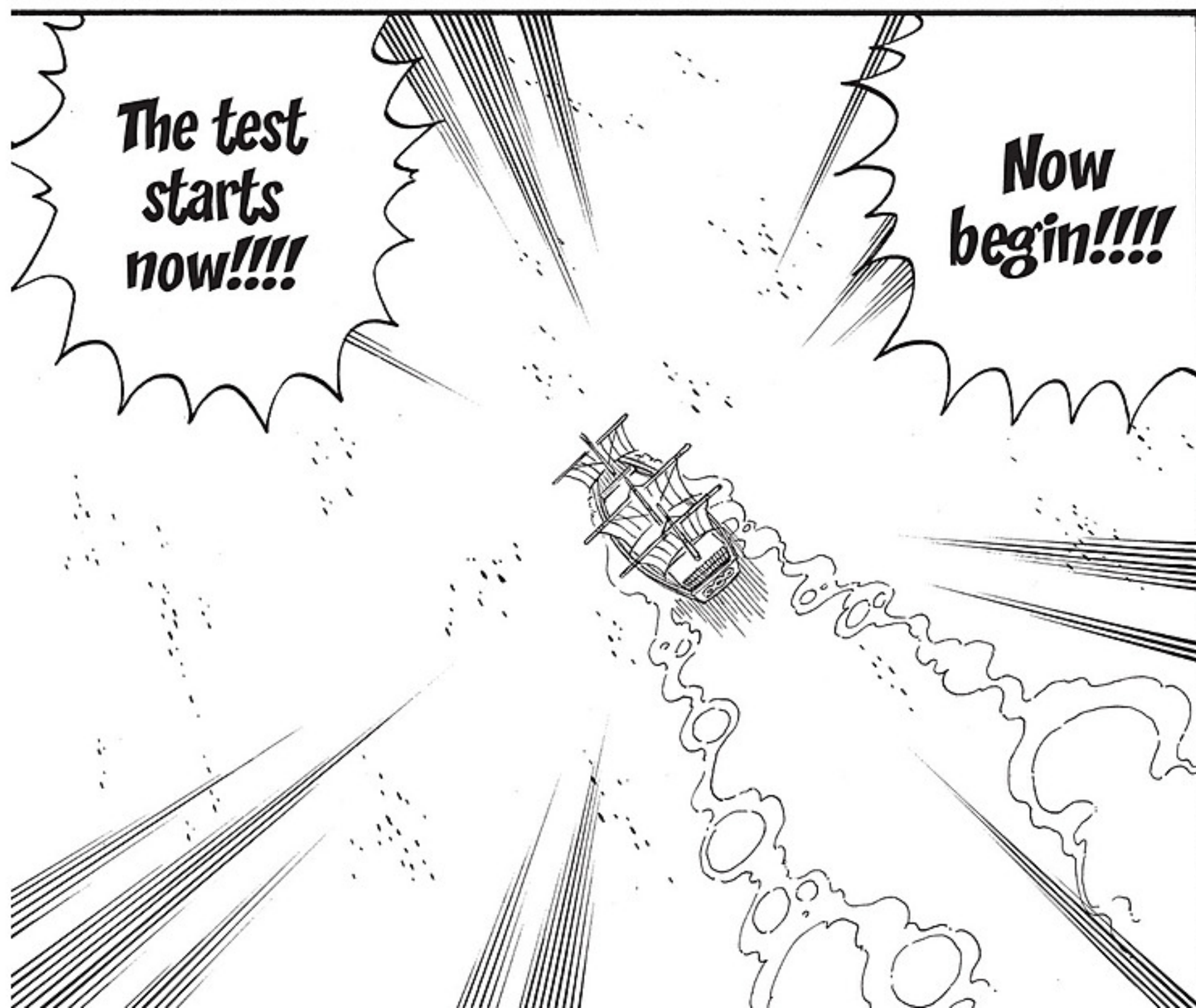
N-Not a
chance!! I
don't think
anybody can
get past
Gildarts or
Erza!!

So in
theory, six
teams
could pass
at most.



The chances
of hitting the
"peace and
quiet" path are
8-to-1.

I think we
can do the
luck part!



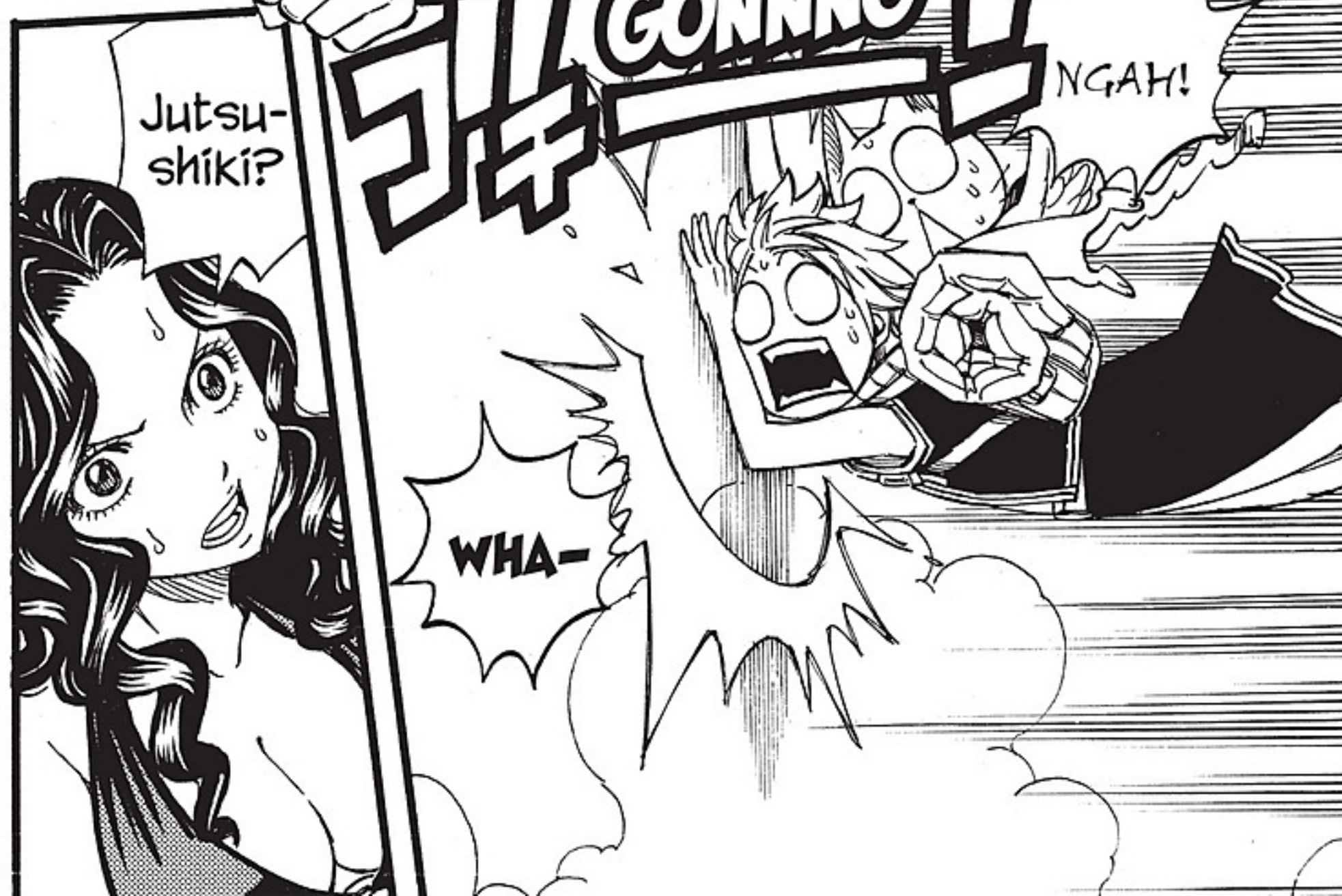
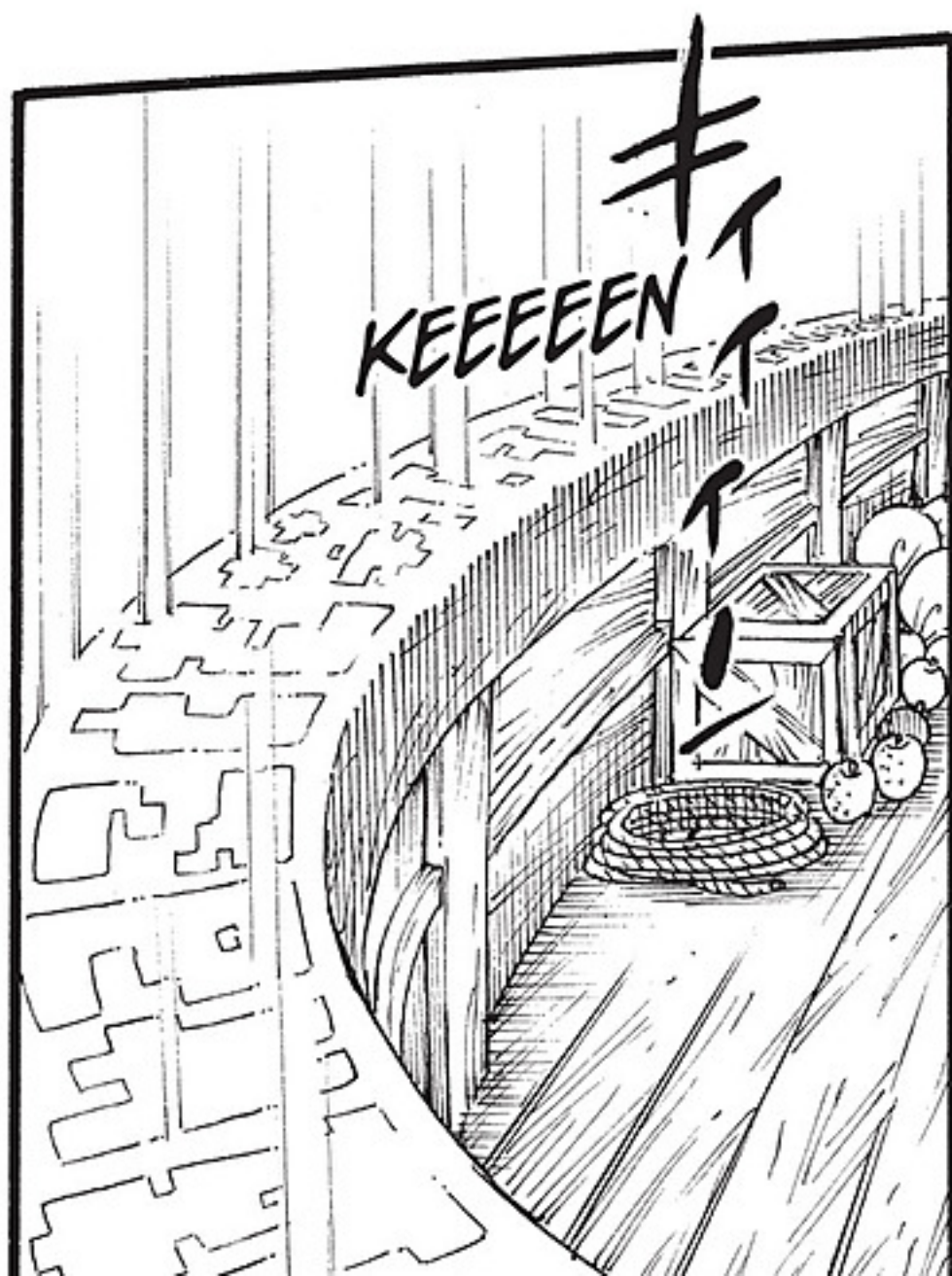
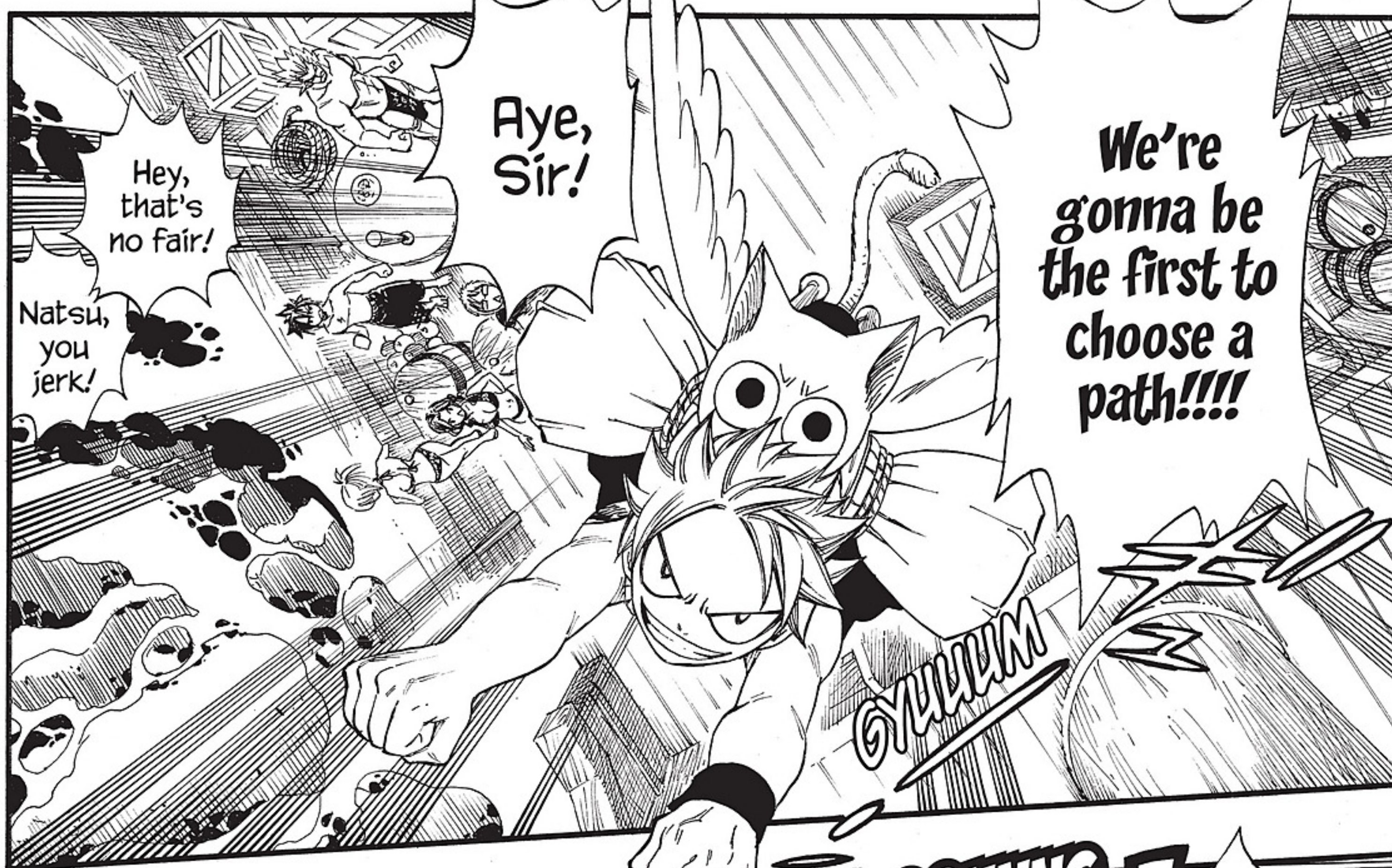
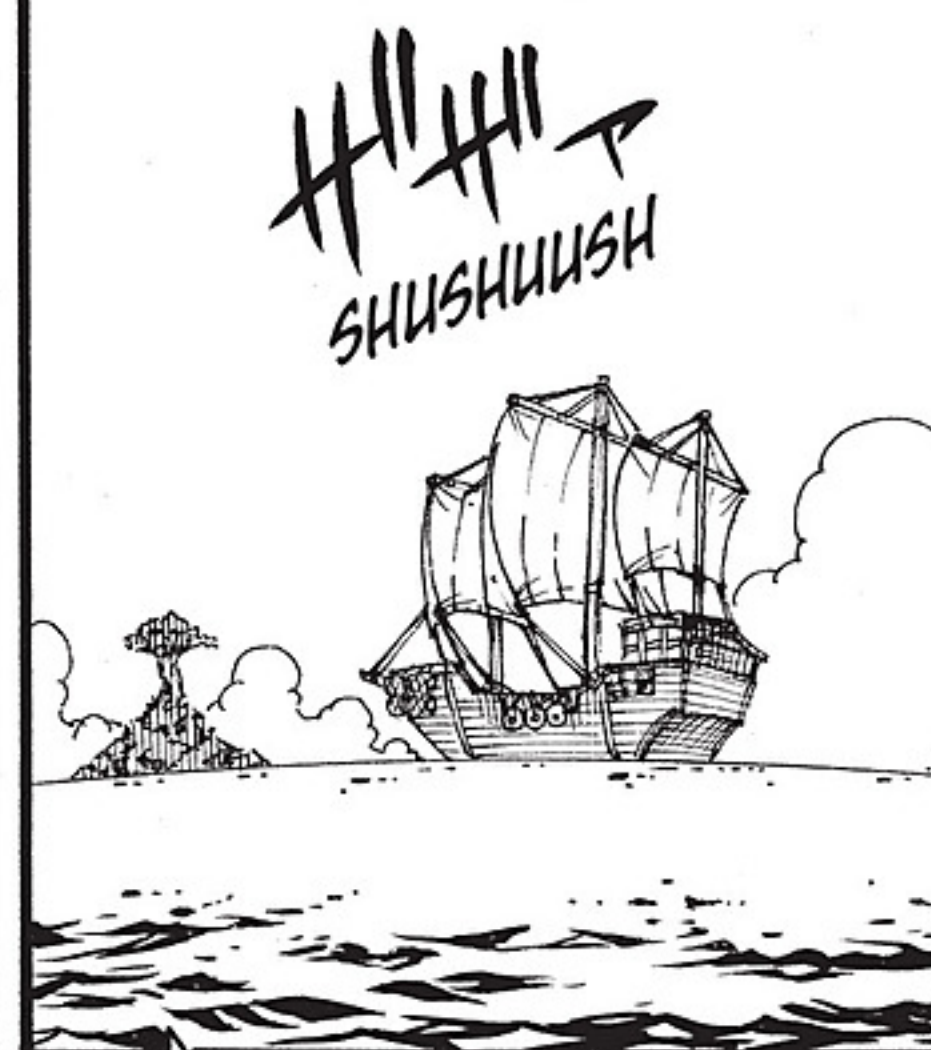
The test
starts
now!!!!

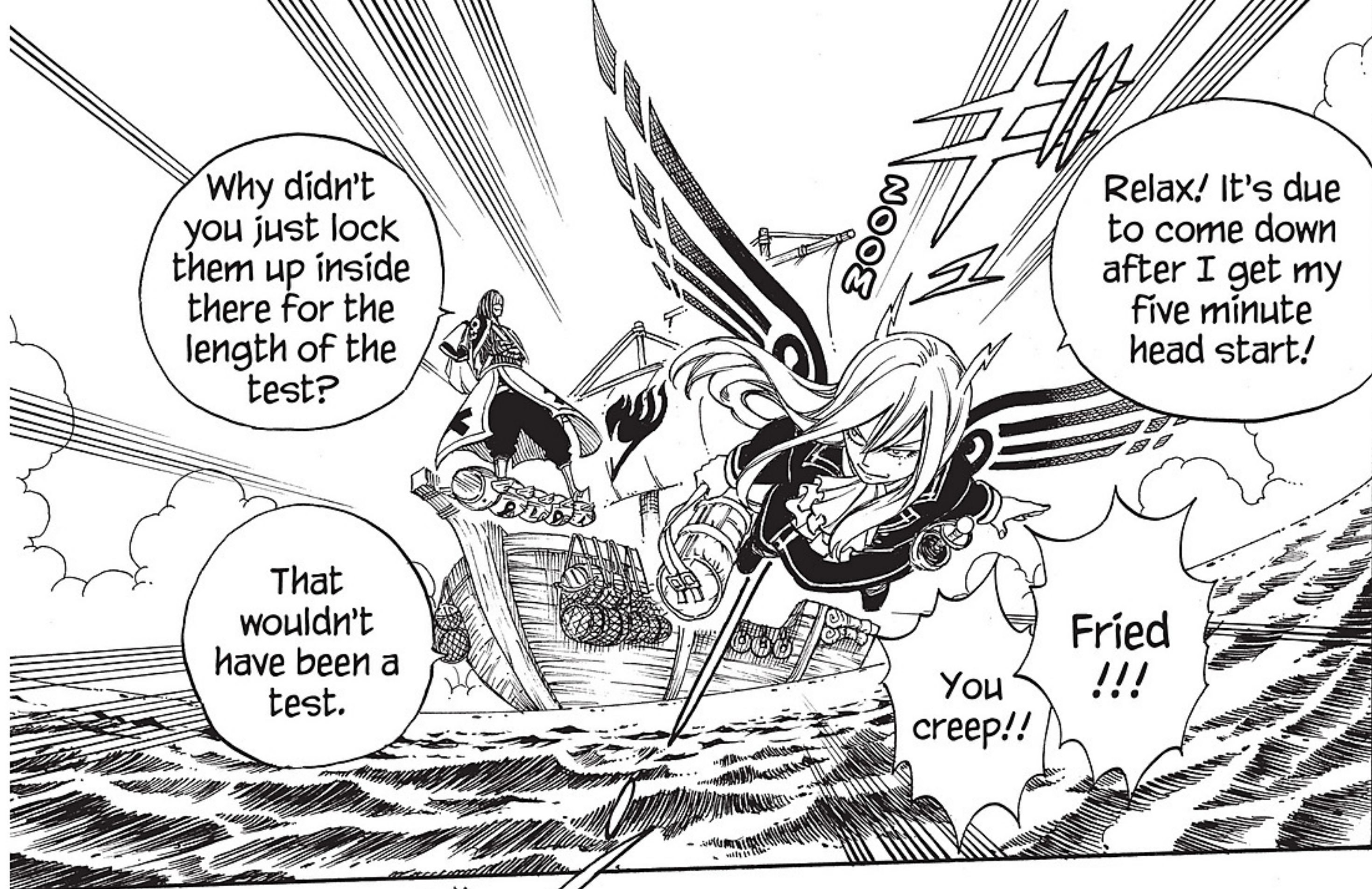
Now
begin!!!!



Sounds
like fun!

And at
worst,
only three
teams may
pass...





Why didn't you just lock them up inside there for the length of the test?

Relax! It's due to come down after I get my five minute head start!

That wouldn't have been a test.

Fried !!!
You creep!!



GAM
GAM
GAM

HYAAH!
DAMMIT !!!

I know!!
Levy can...



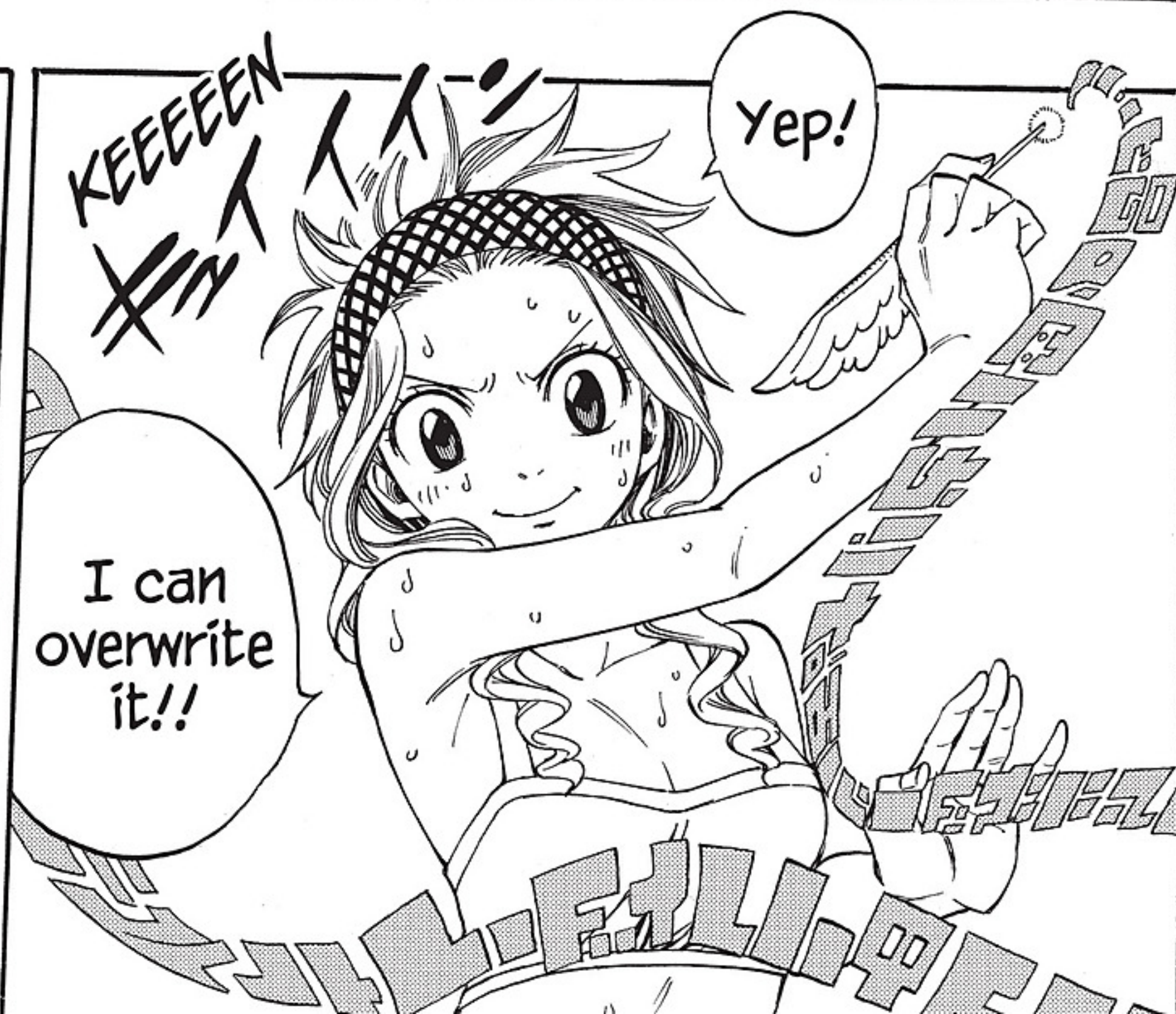
But if you let him go like that, he'll set up Jutsu-shiki all over the island, right?

Well... It's not a race.

Hey, old man!! You gonna let him do that?!!

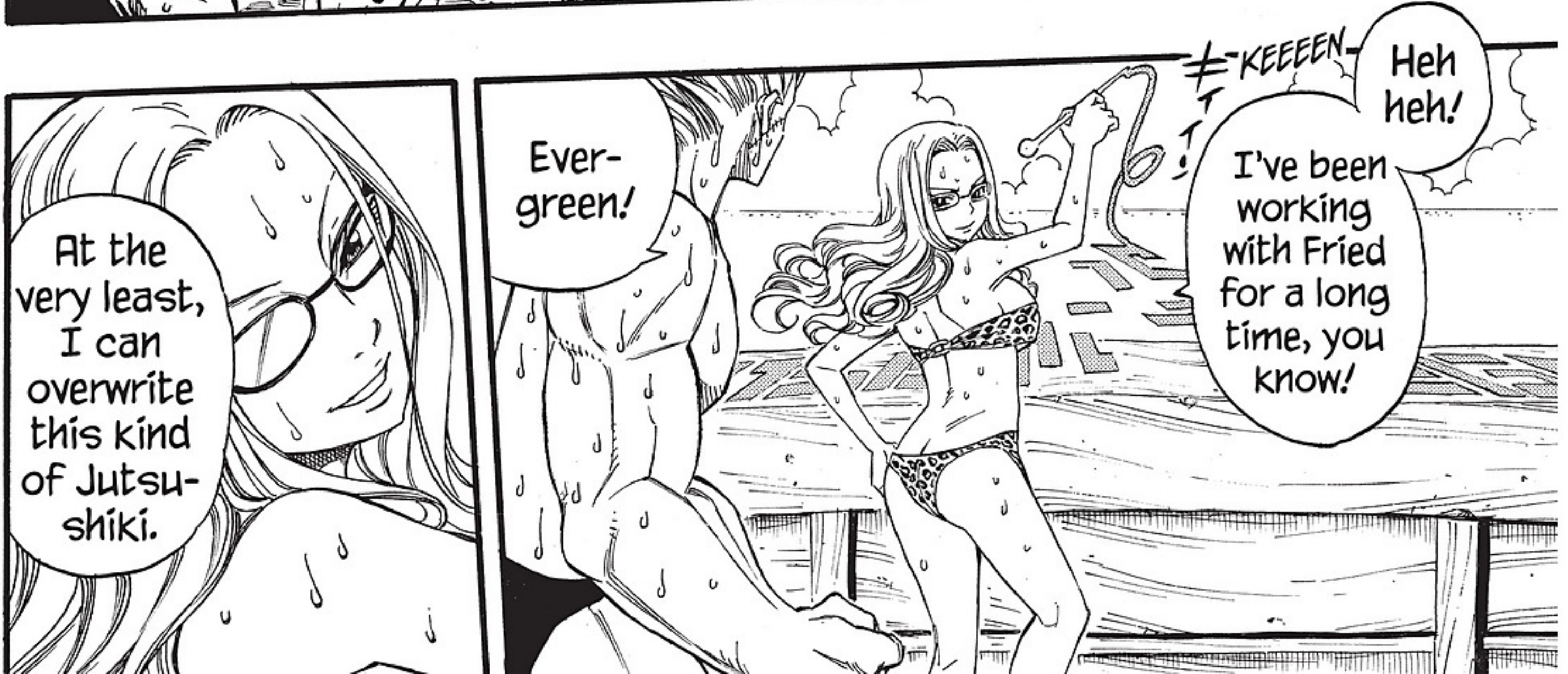
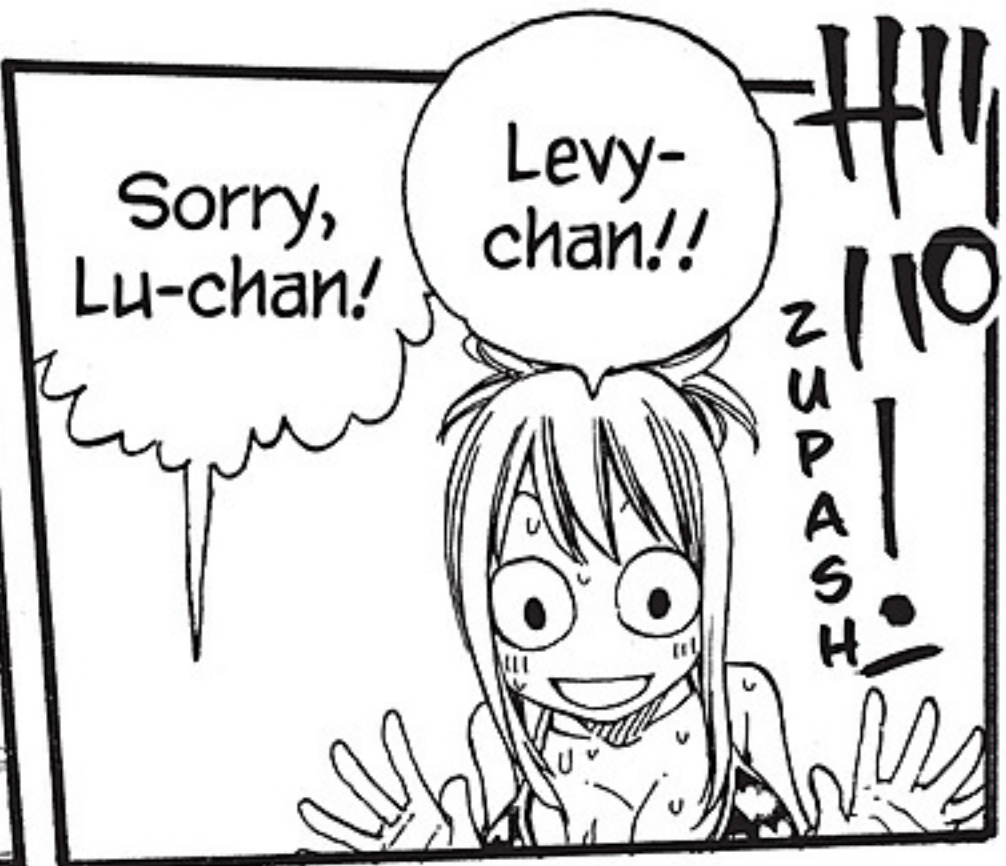
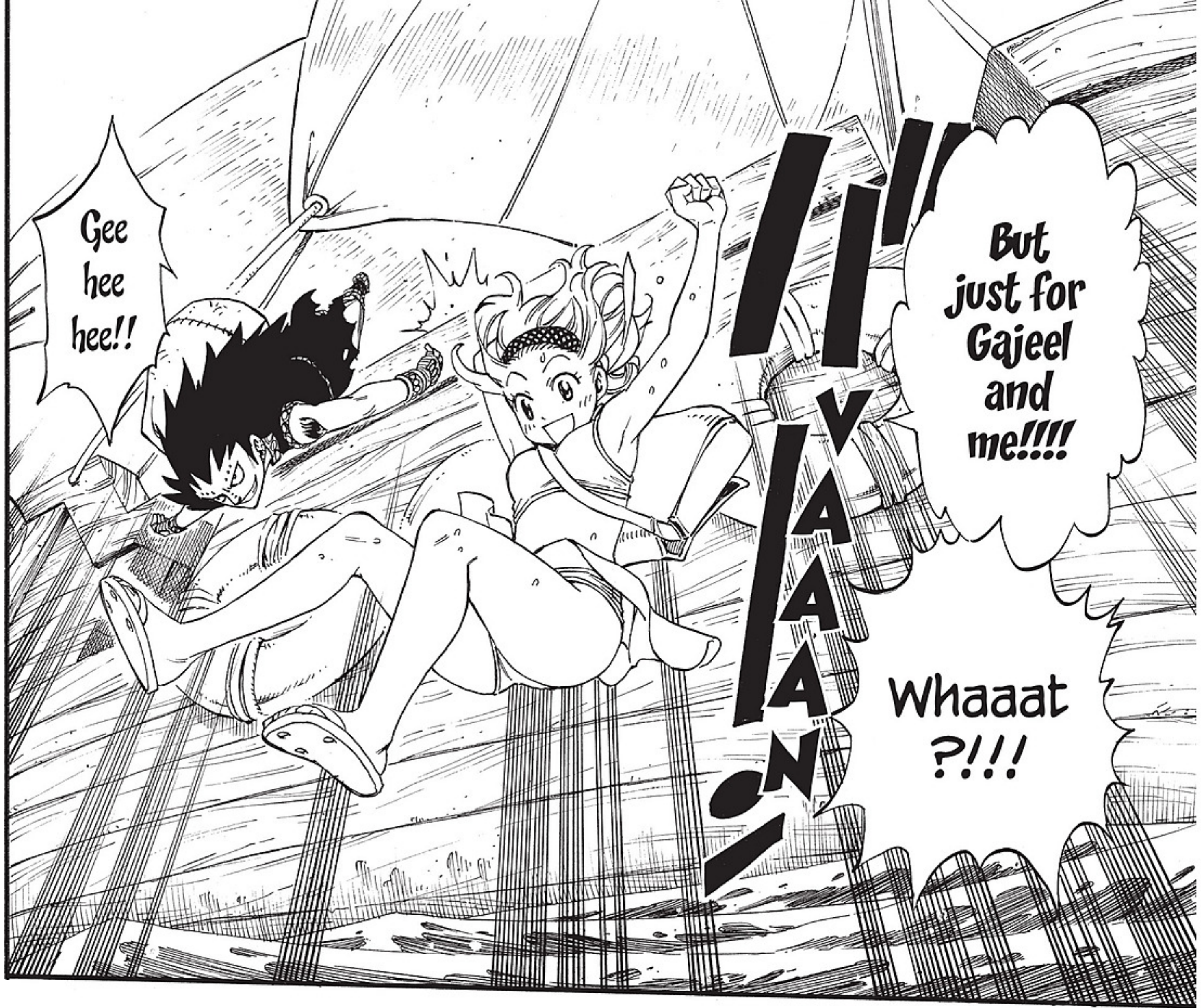


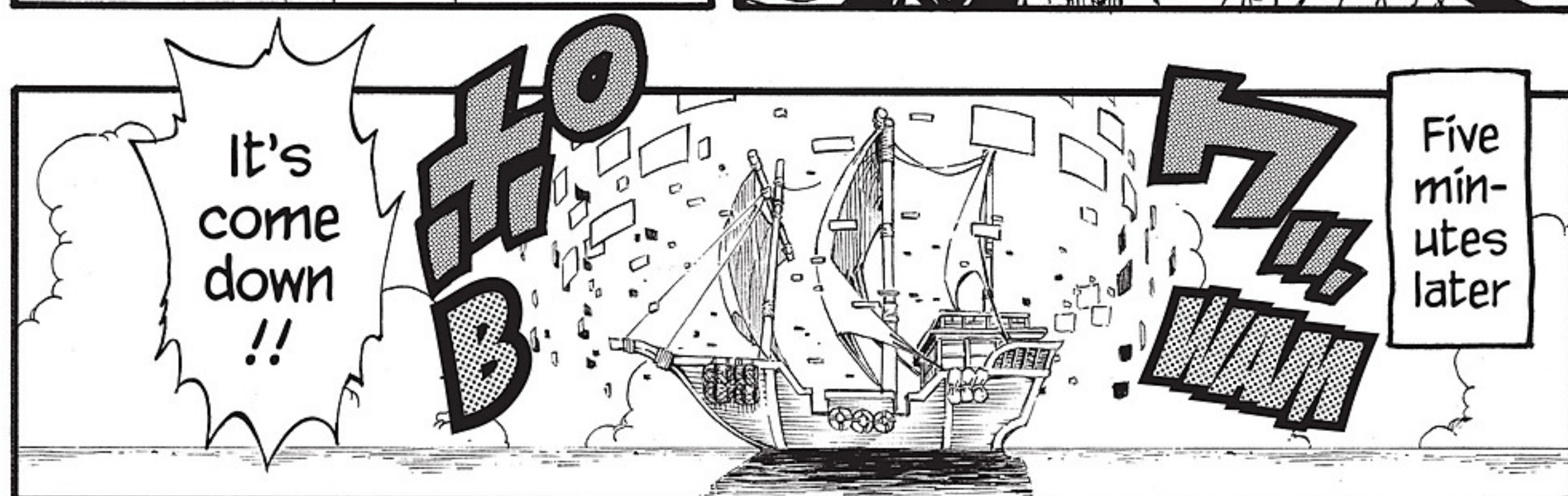
ああ!!
OH HH!!



I can overwrite it!!

Yep!







Right
!!

Let's go,
Lucy!!!!

Loke,
here we
go!!

At least
wear under-
wear!

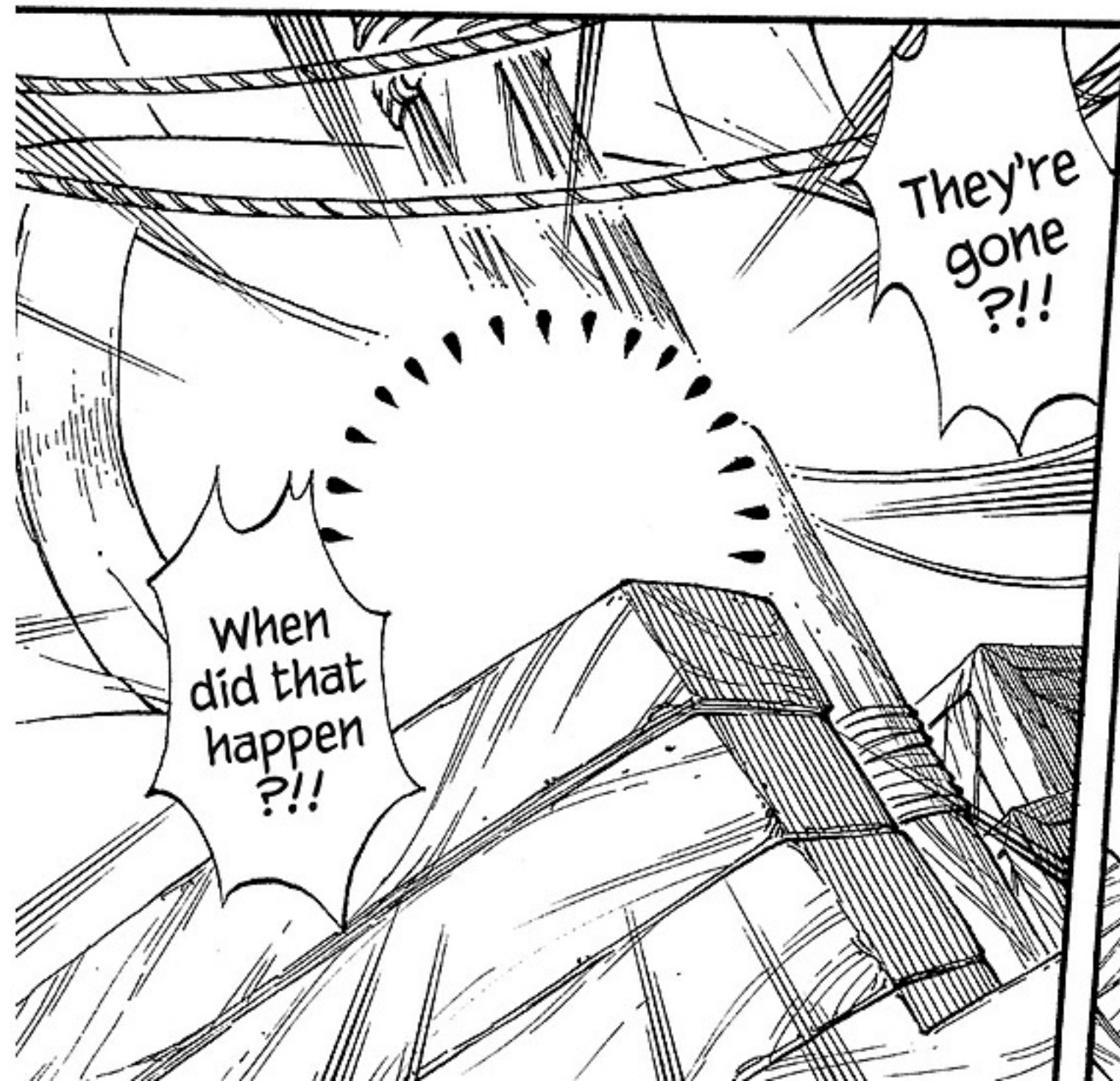
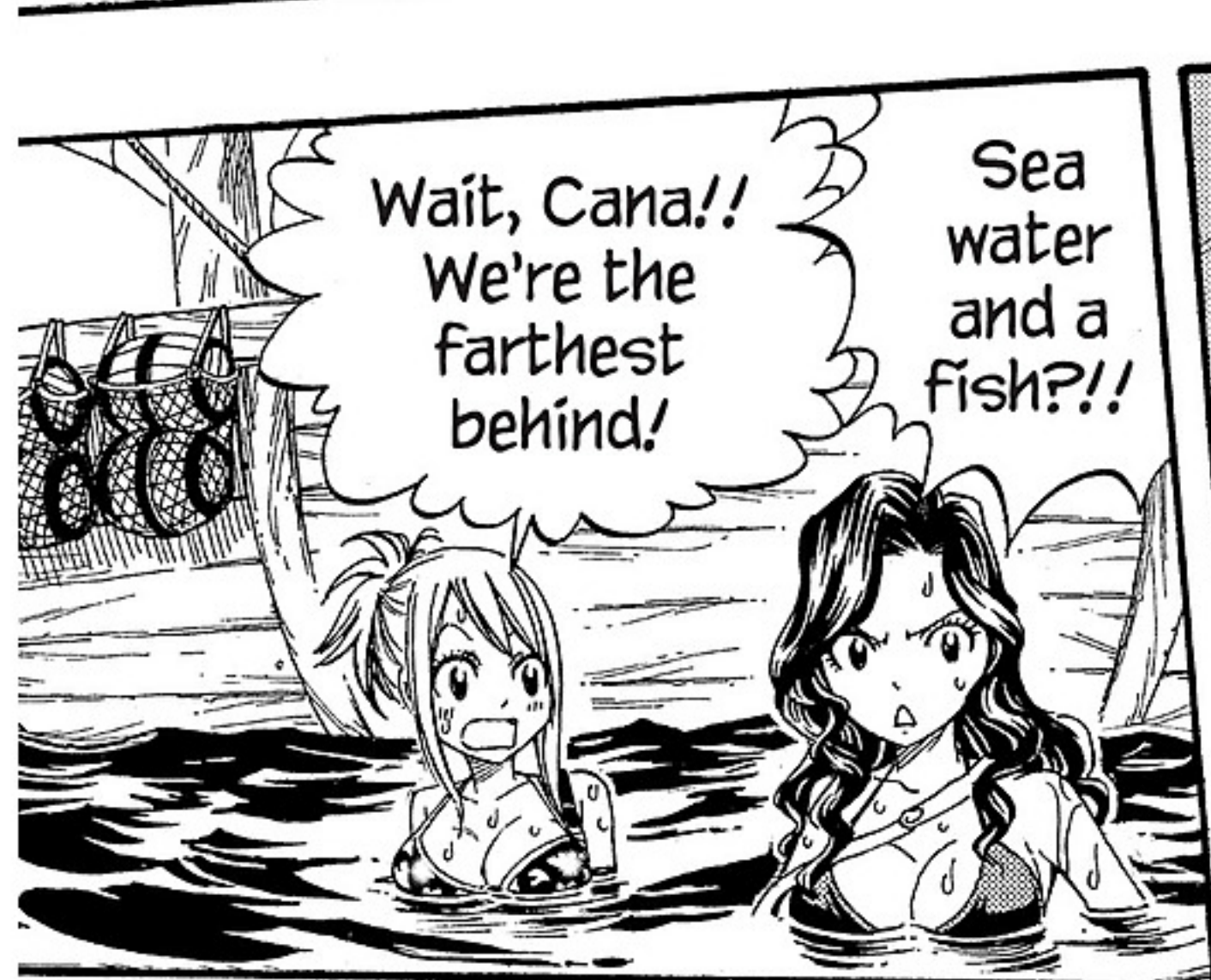


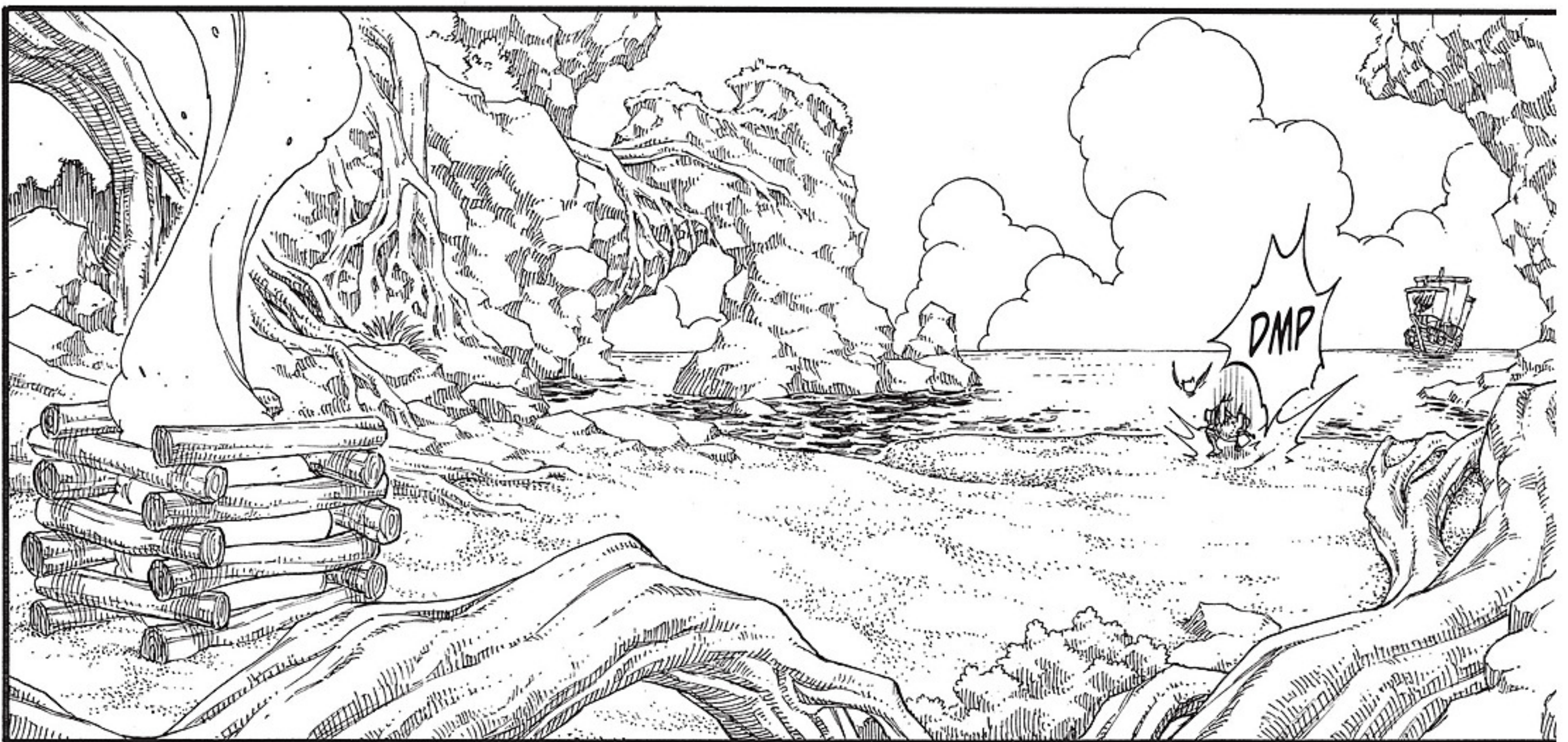
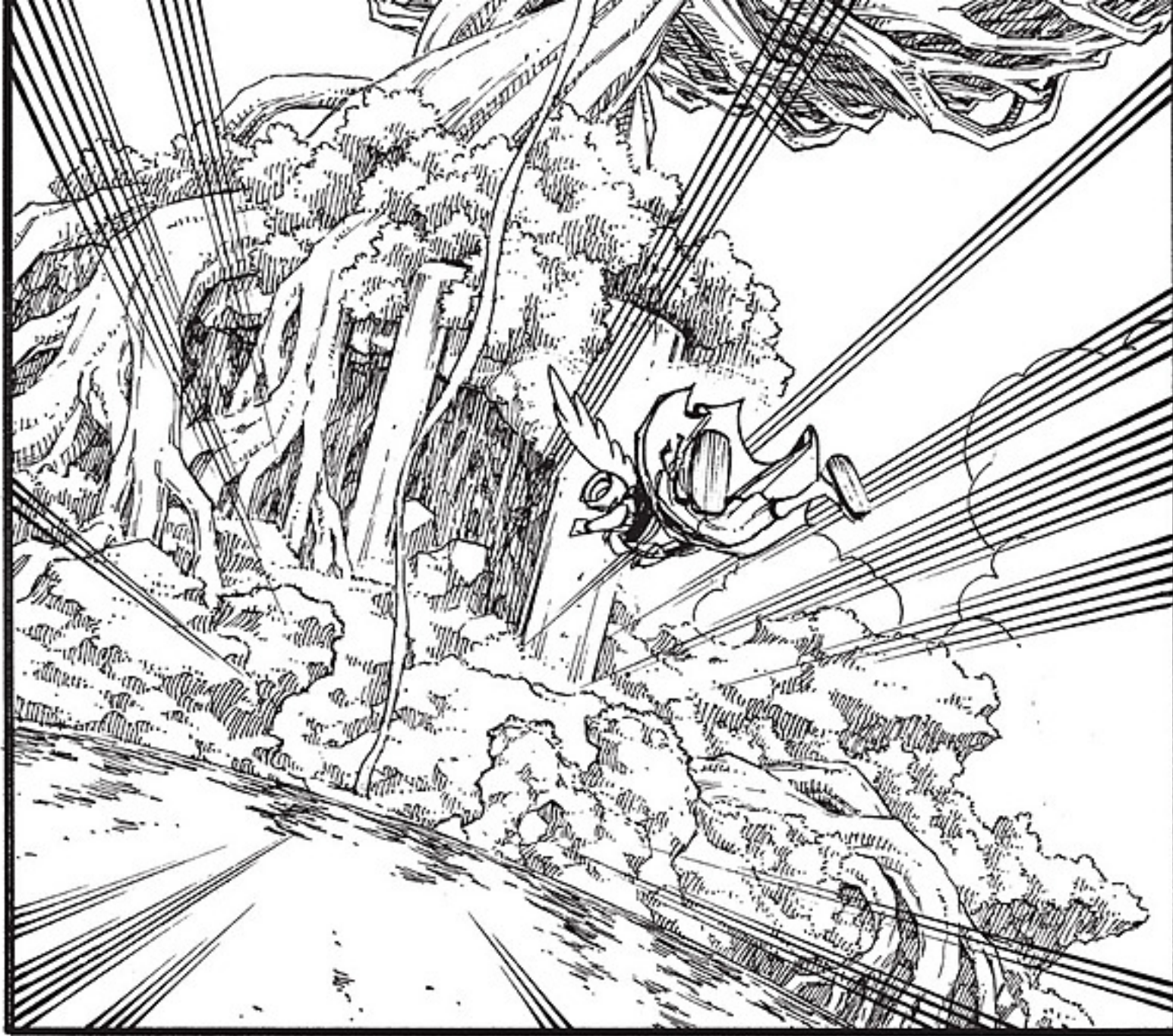
Ice
make...

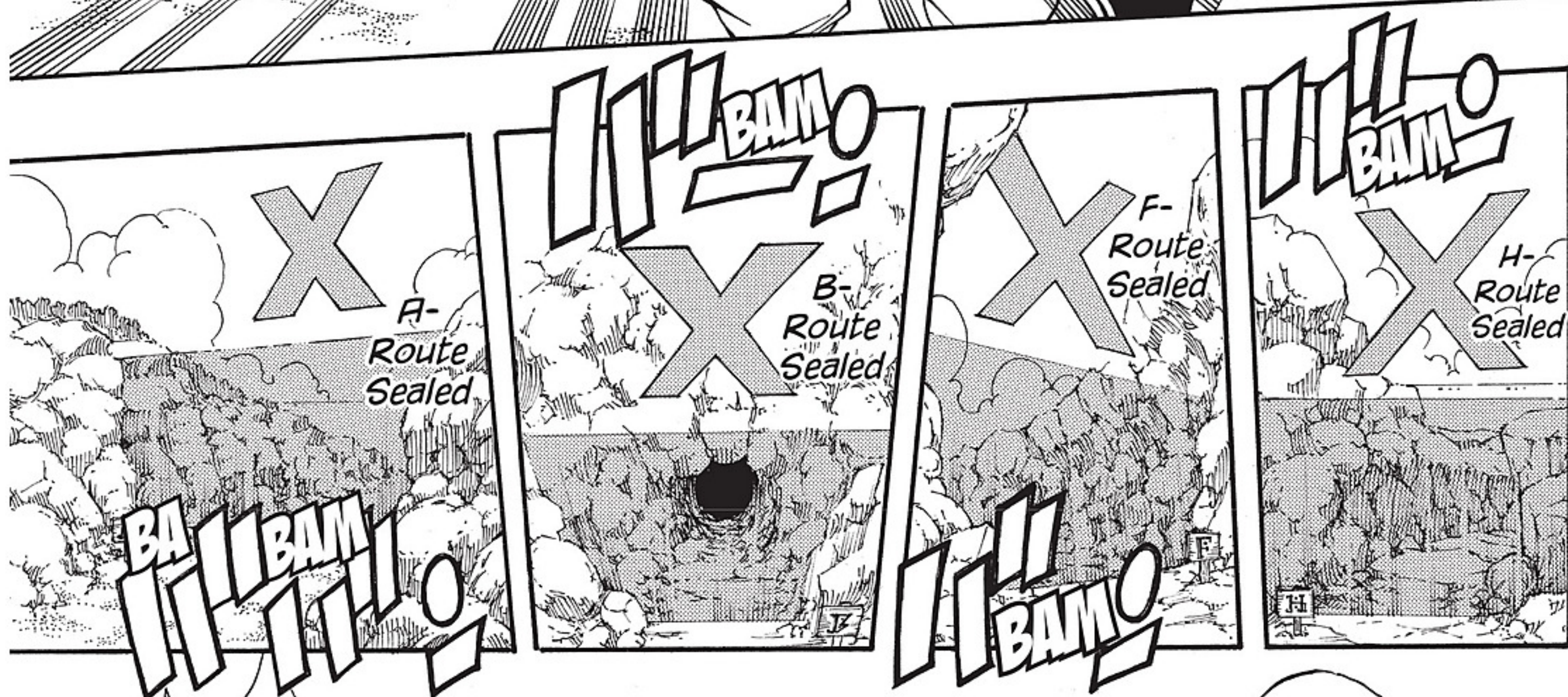
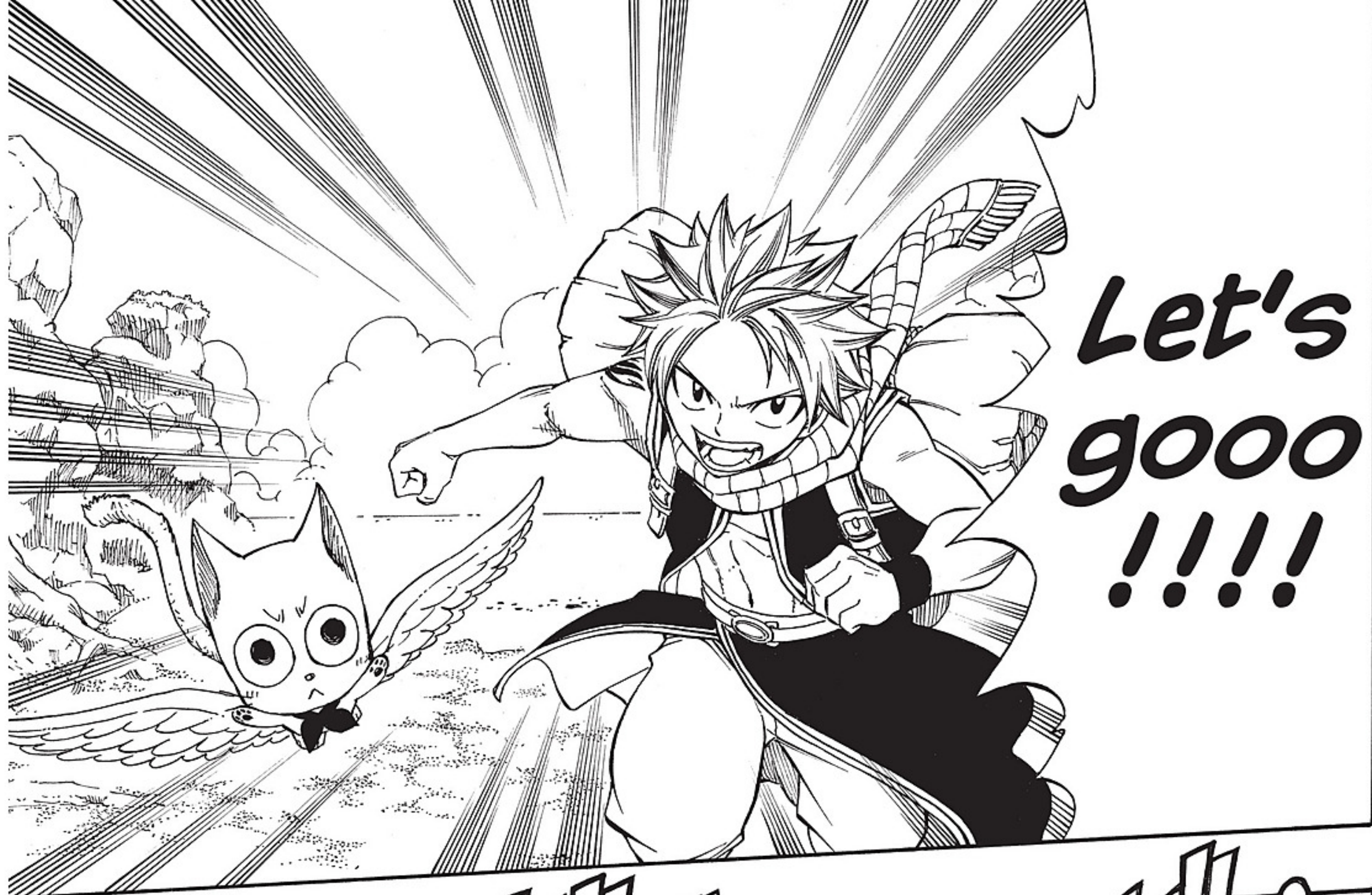
Aye,
Sir!!

Happy
!!!

POOOOKE!!









Why would you *choose* Erza's route?!

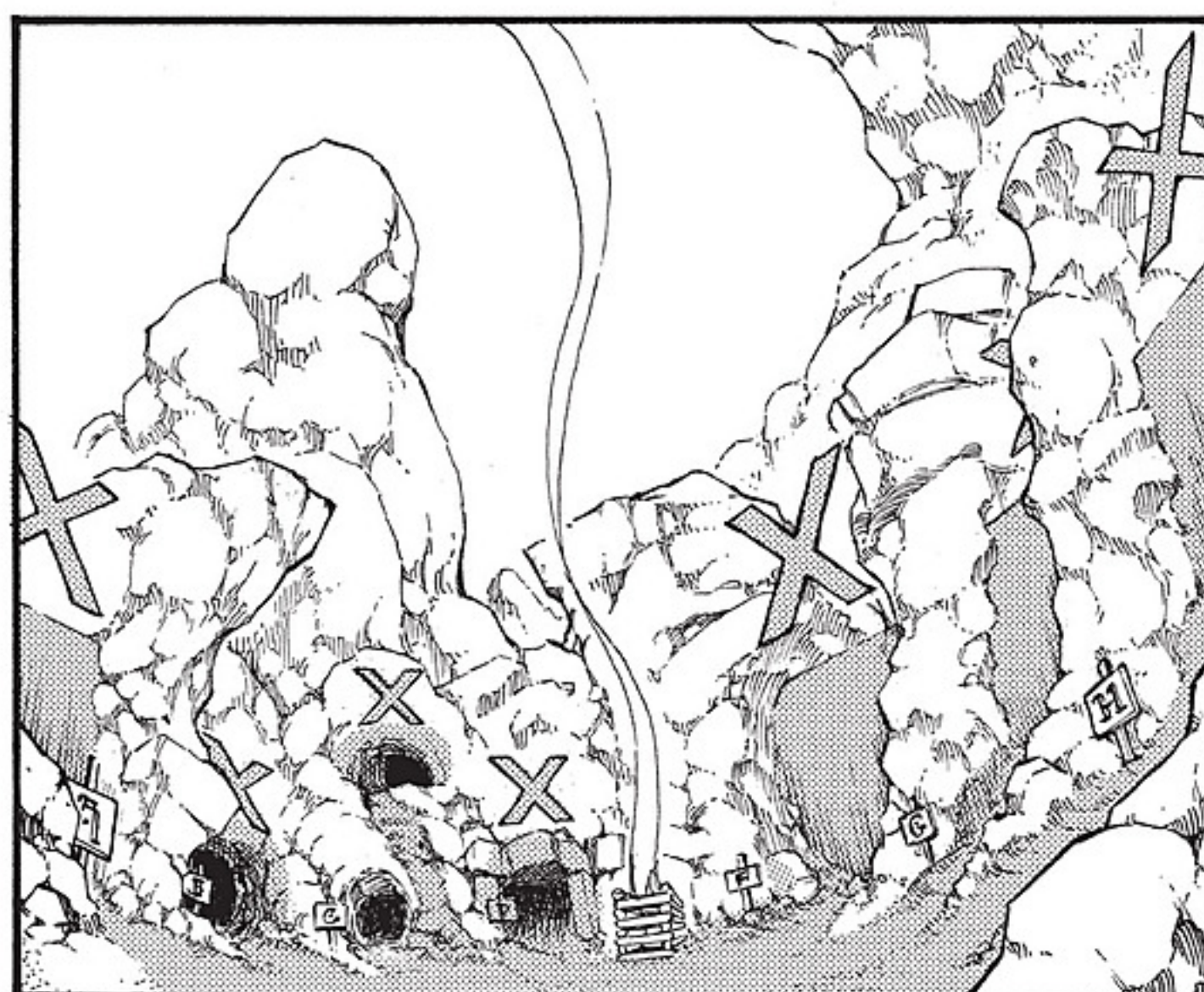
That's an E!! That's gotta mean that Erza's on the route!!

Why else?! I always wanted to win against her!!!



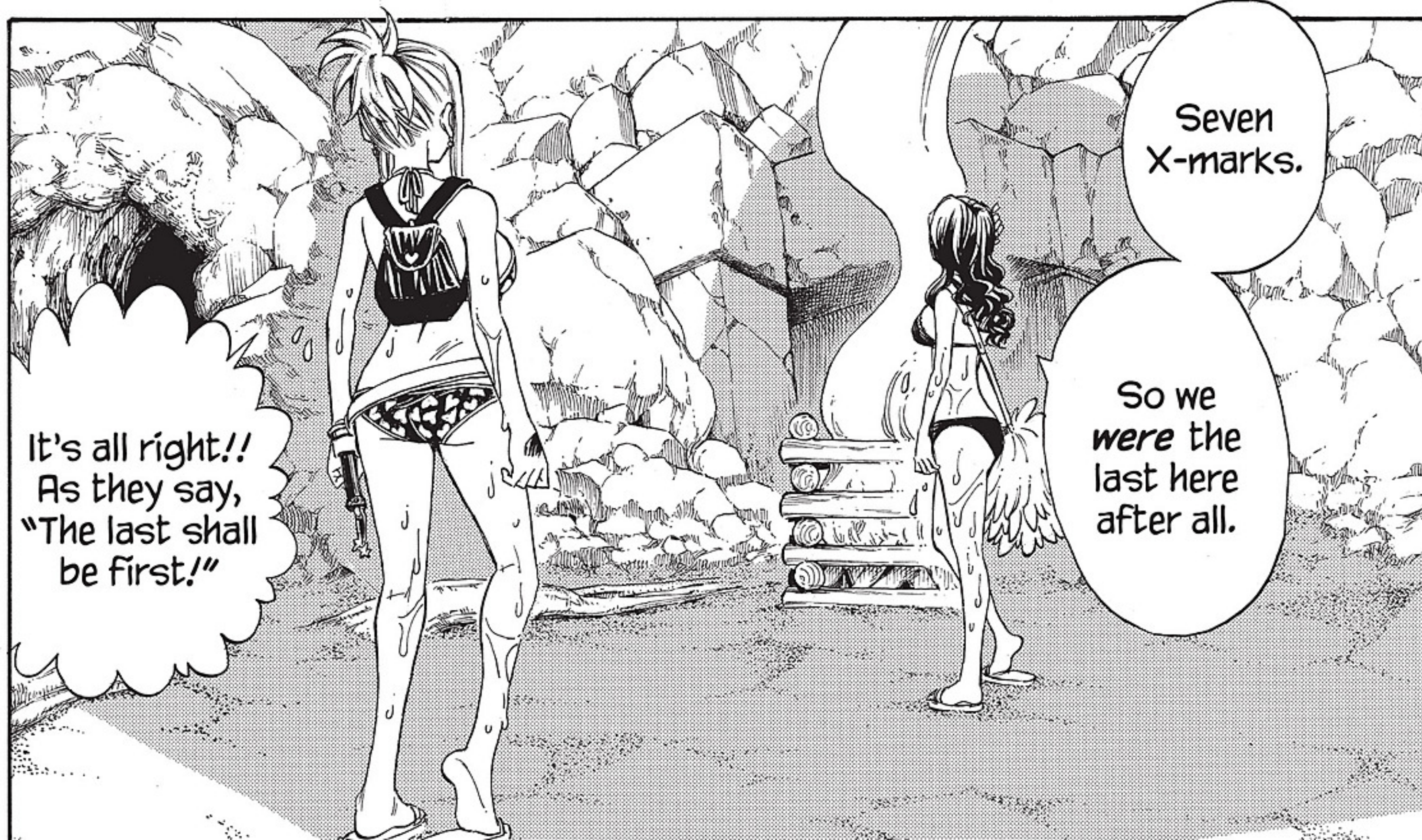
Hmm...

Which'll we take, Natsu?



Whoa!! He's already decided that she's on this path.

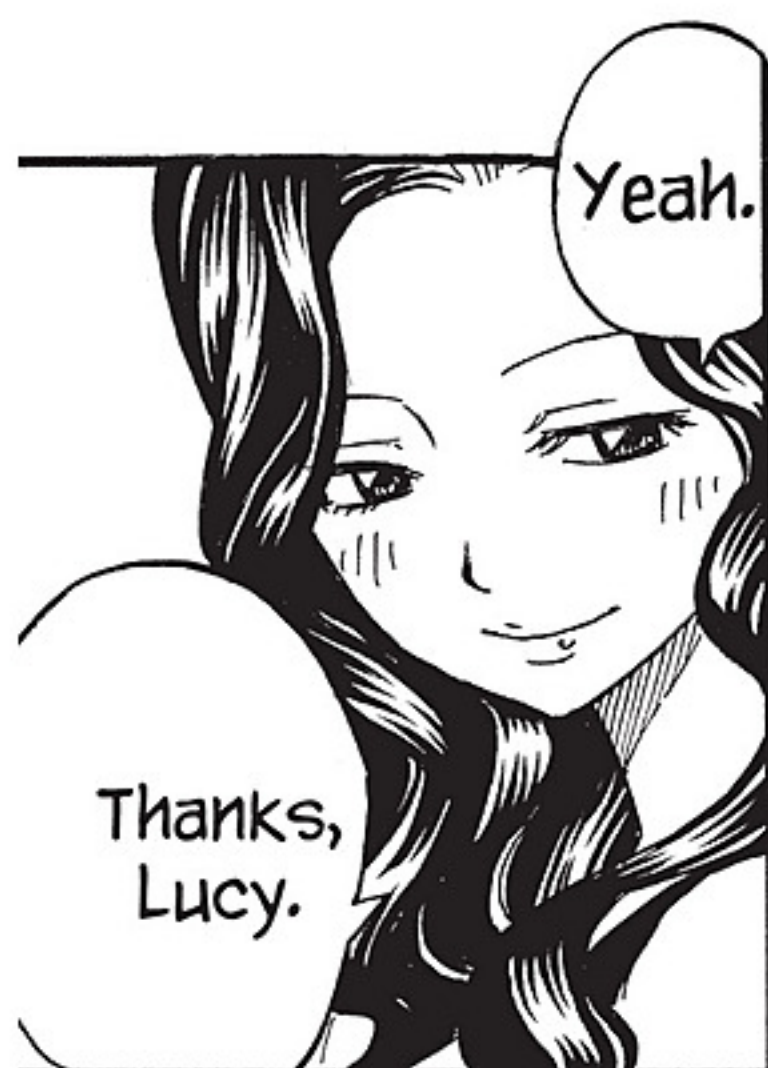
Just you wait, Erza!!!



It's all right!! As they say, "The last shall be first!!"

Seven X-marks.

So we *were* the last here after all.



Yeah.

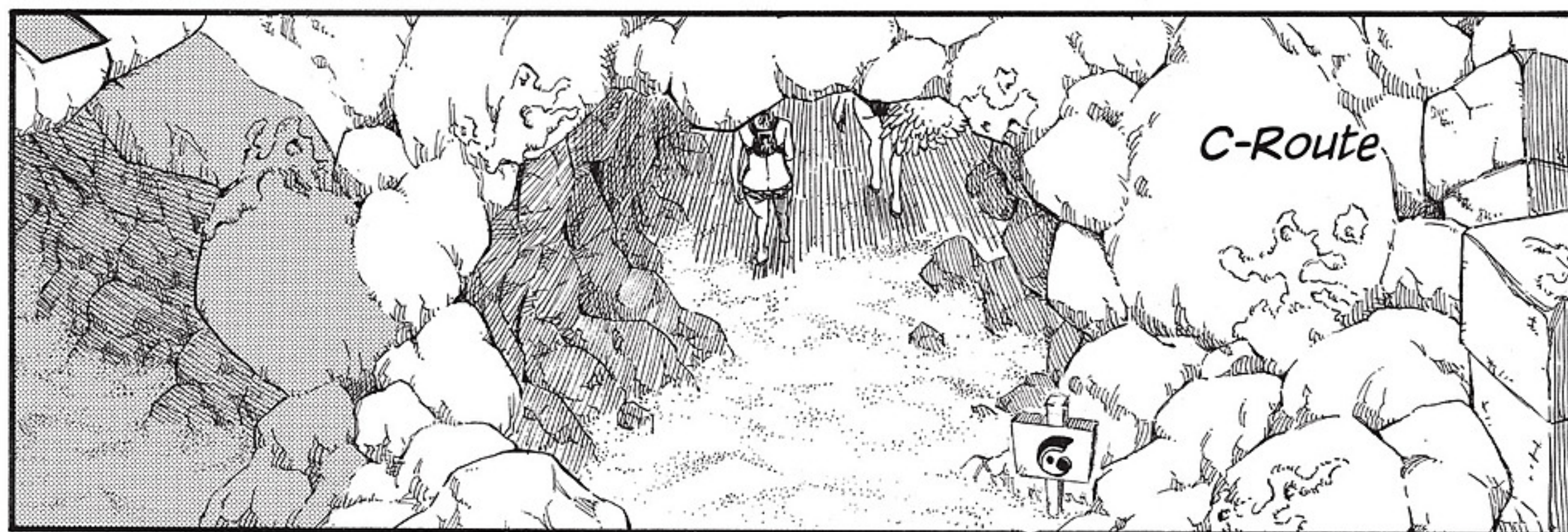
Thanks,
Lucy.



Let's be sure
to make you
an S-Class
wizard, okay,
Cana?



And one
thing I got
is luck!



C-Route



Bugs
whose
bodies
glow.

Spirit-
luminescent
bugs. You
usually see
them in
summer.

It's a lot
brighter
than I'd
expect.



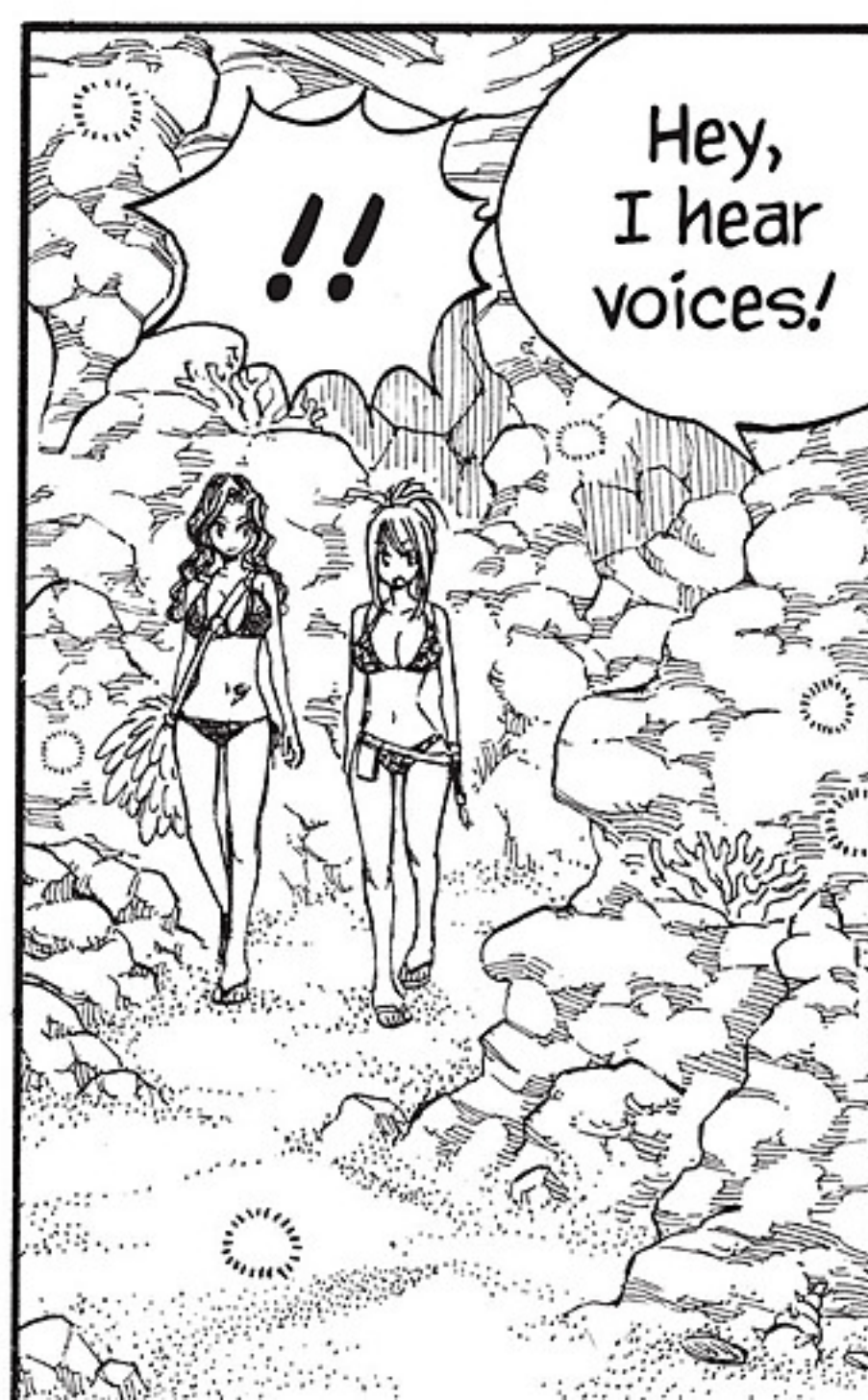
Sign: Battle

...
Battle
?!!!

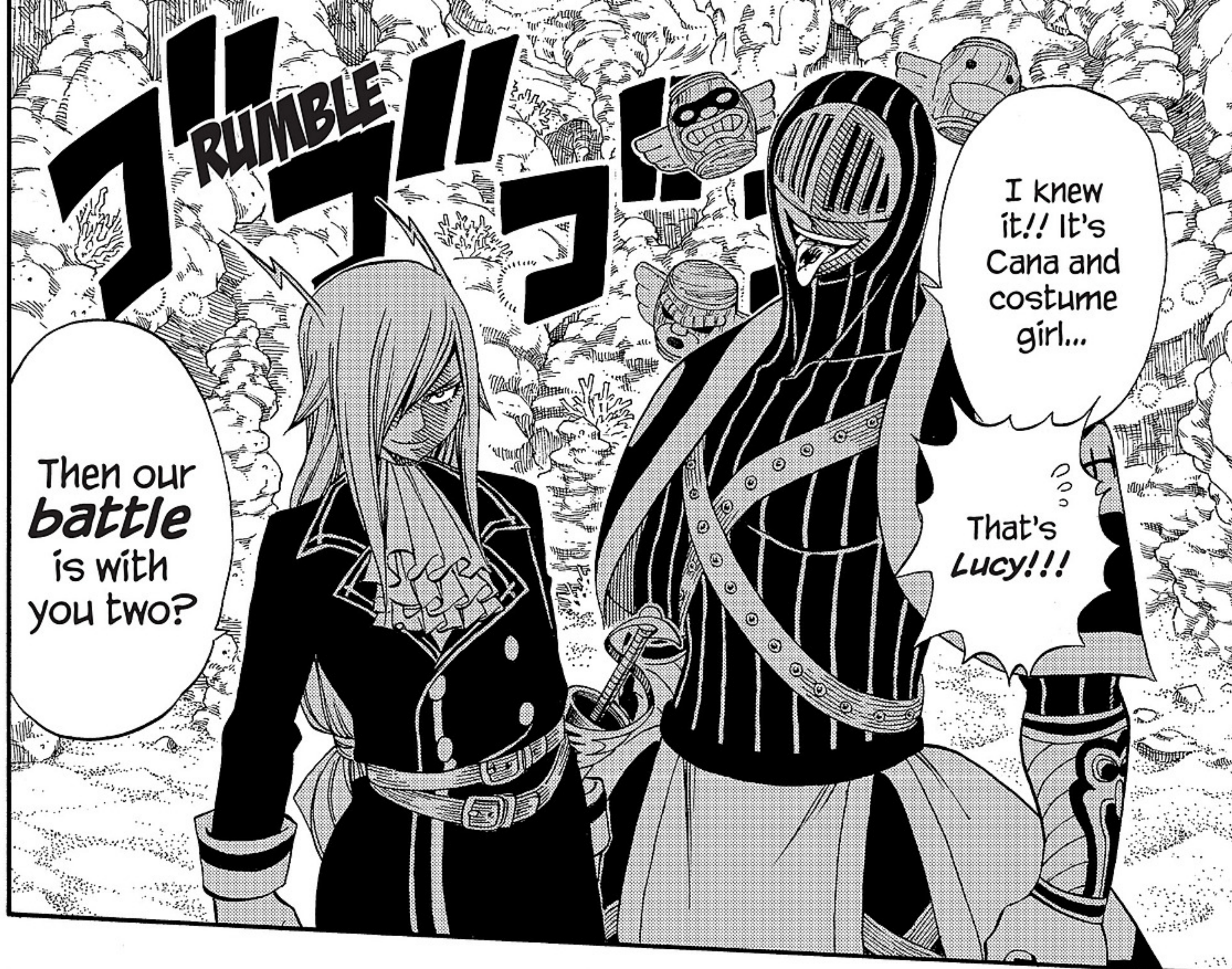


This
can't be
a...

Who's
there
?!



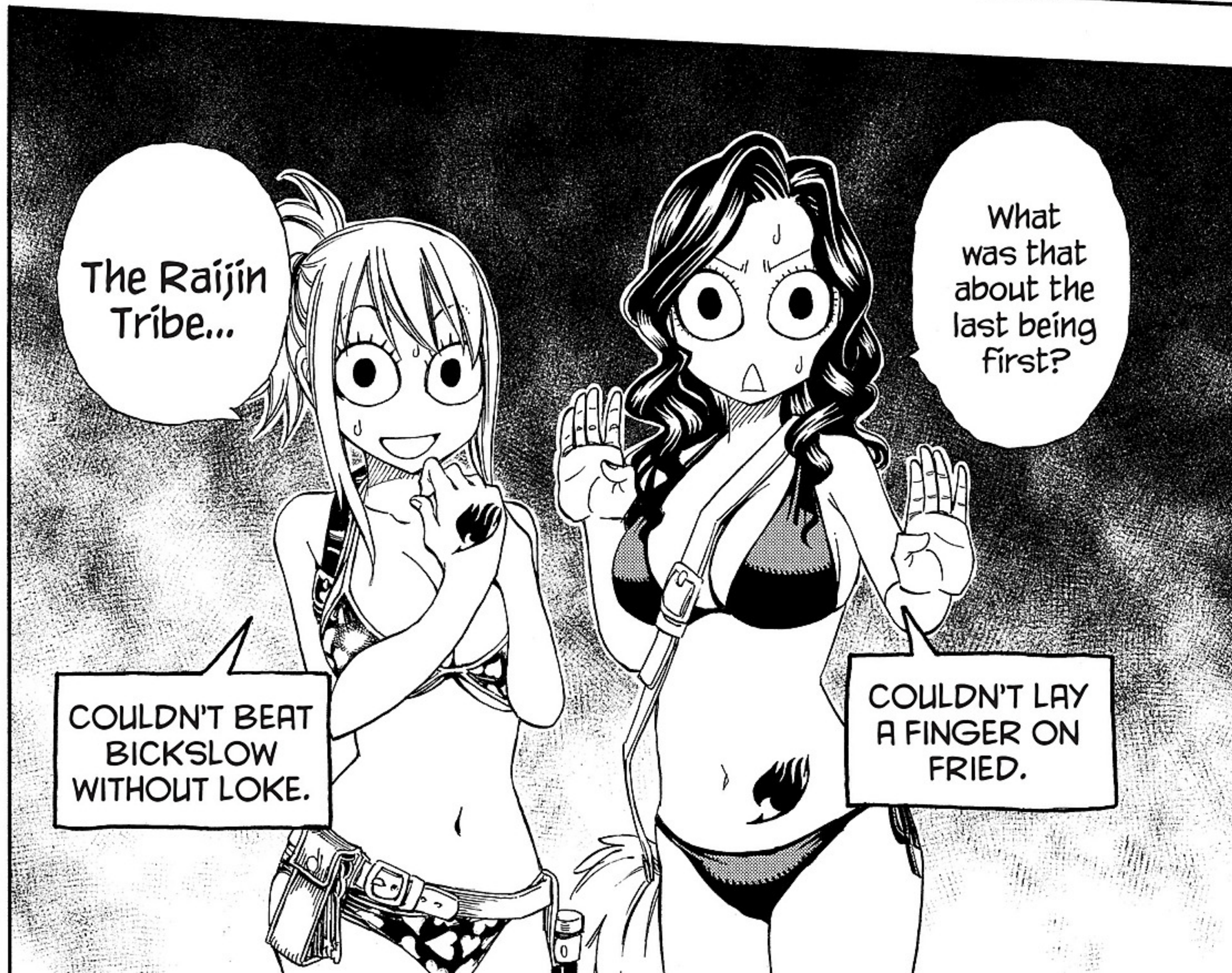
Hey,
I hear
voices!



Then our
battle
is with
you two?

I knew
it!! It's
Cana and
costume
girl...

That's
Lucy!!!



The Raijin
Tribe...

What
was that
about the
last being
first?

COULDN'T BEAT
BICKSLOW
WITHOUT LOKE.

COULDN'T LAY
A FINGER ON
FRIED.

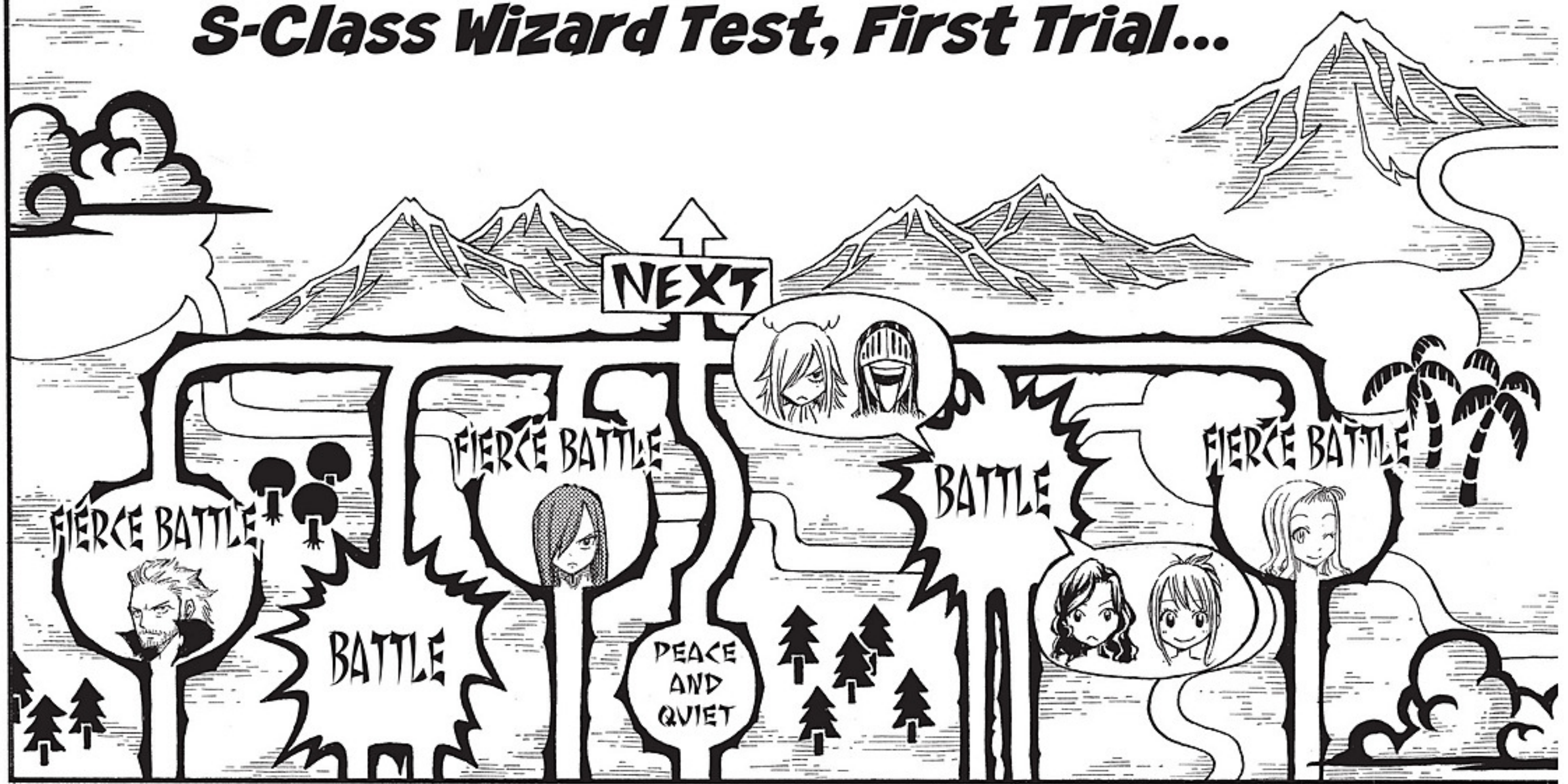
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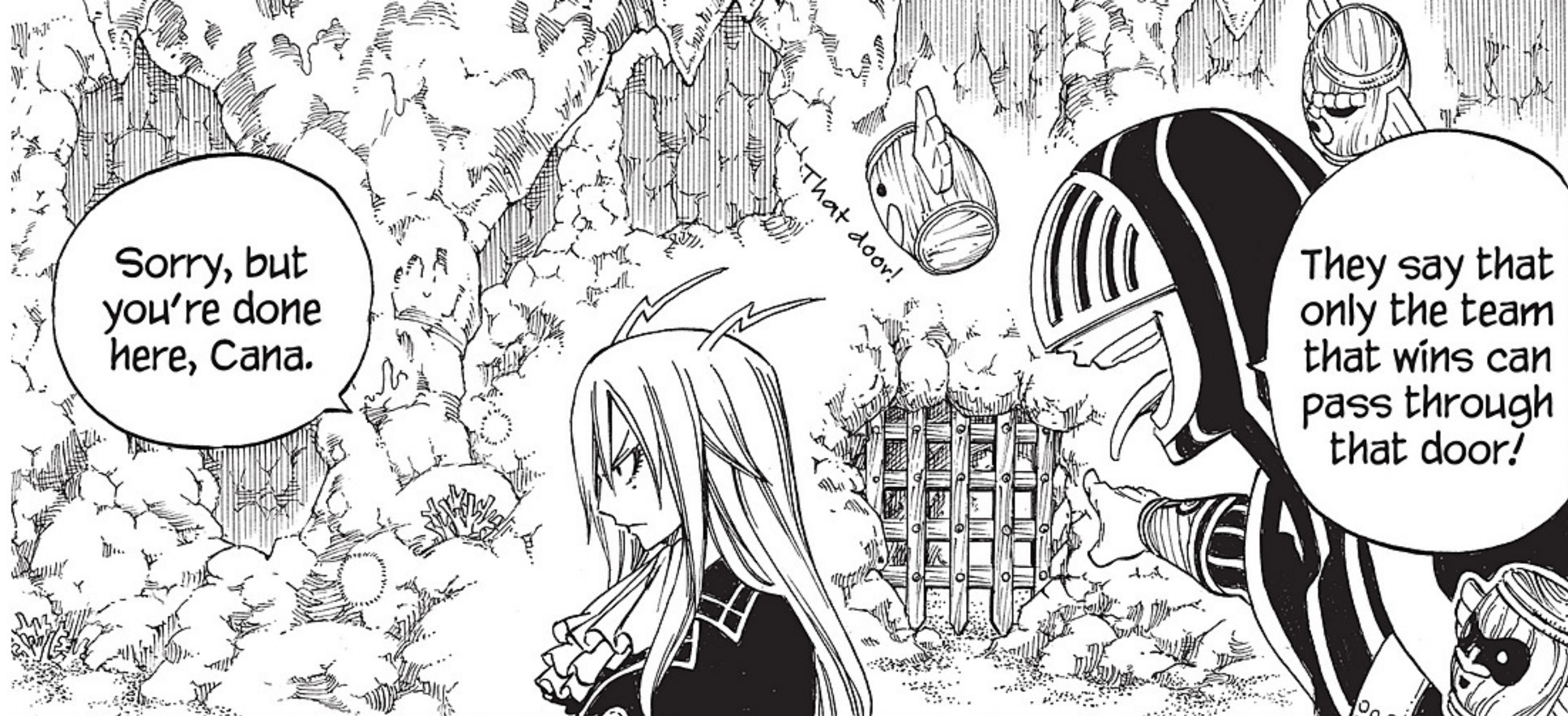
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Chapter 204: Who Is the Lucky One



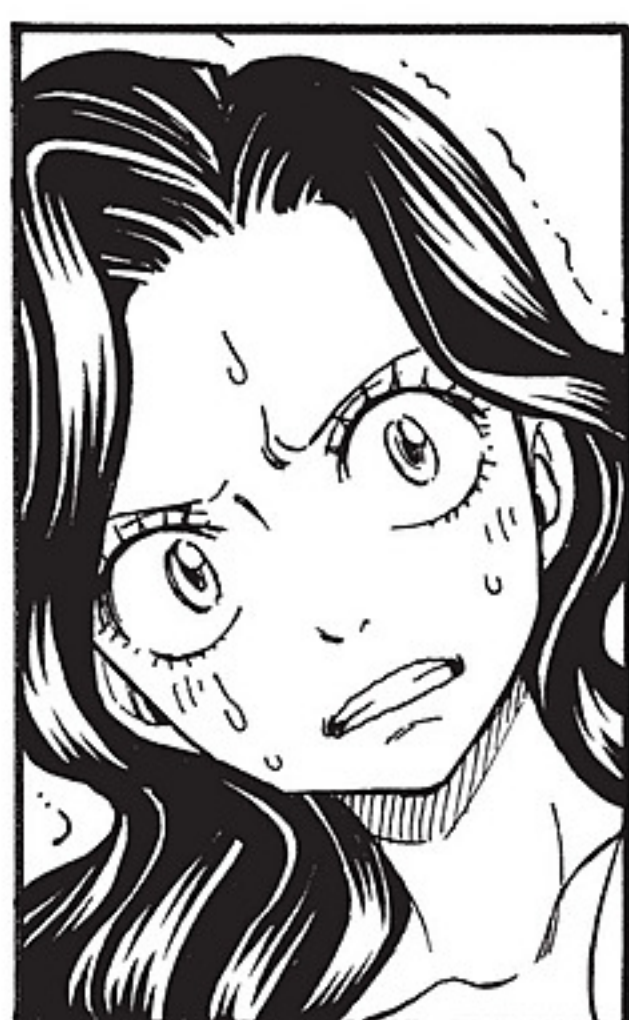
S-Class Wizard Test, First Trial...



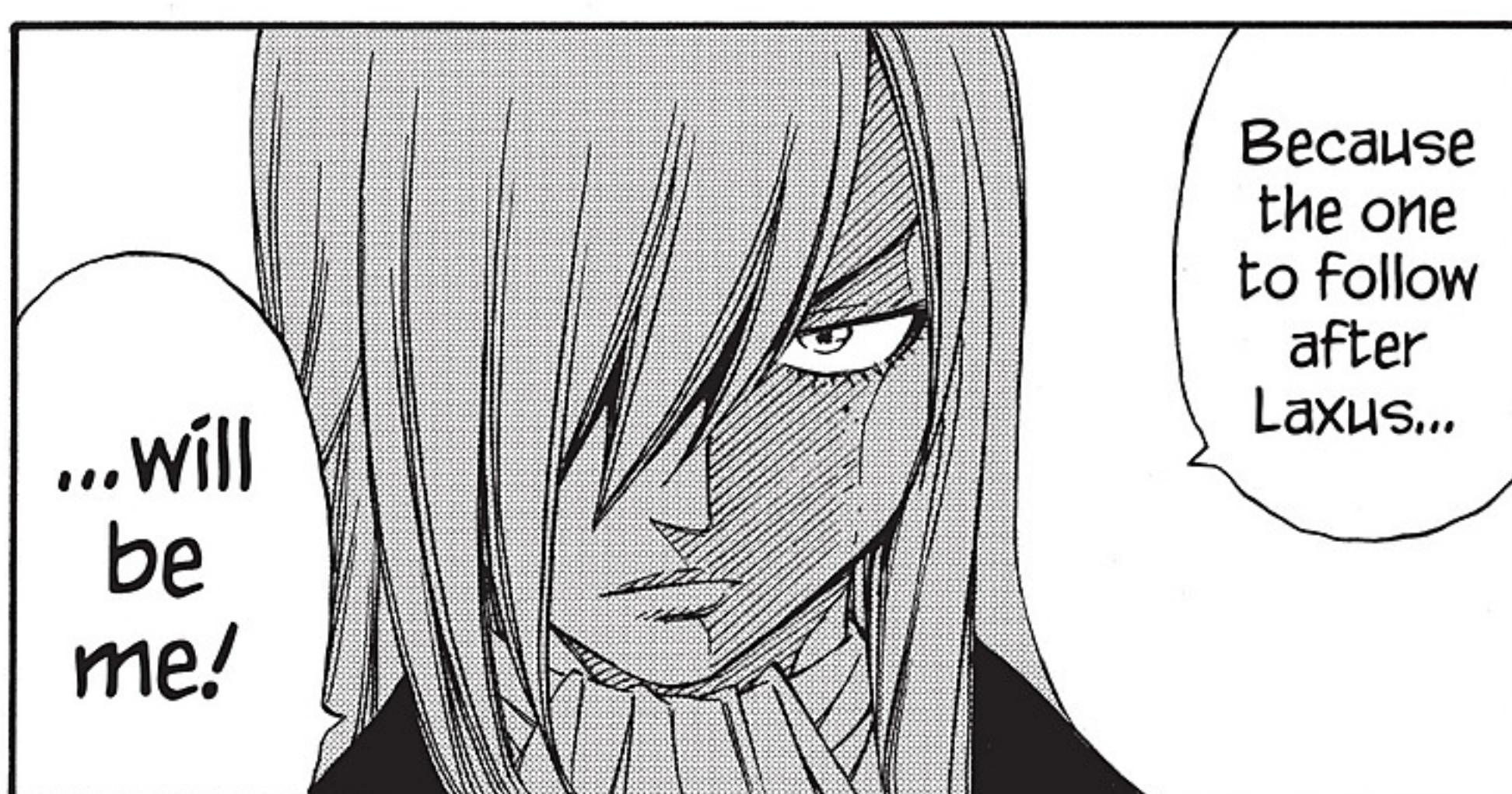


Sorry, but
you're done
here, Cana.

They say that
only the team
that wins can
pass through
that door!



...will
be
me!



Because
the one
to follow
after
Lexus...



FWISH



I'll take
that
challenge
!!

I've got to
become an
S-Class
wizard
too!!

So let's
fight!!

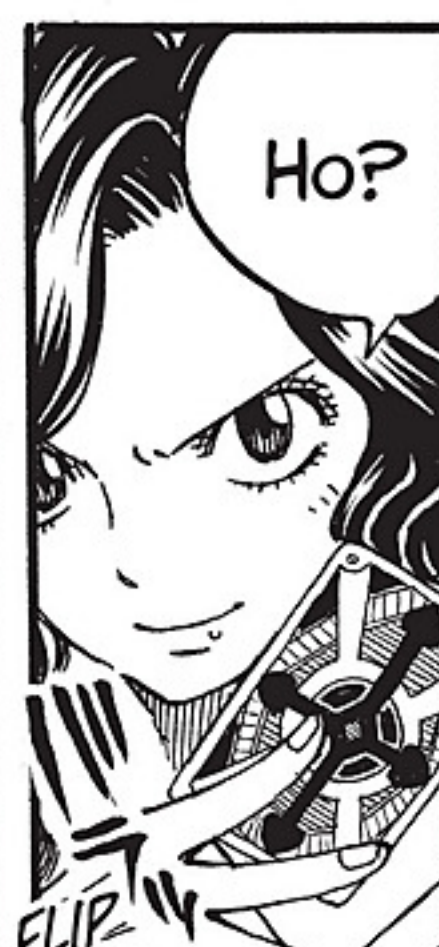


I'd rather they stay as they are, Fried.

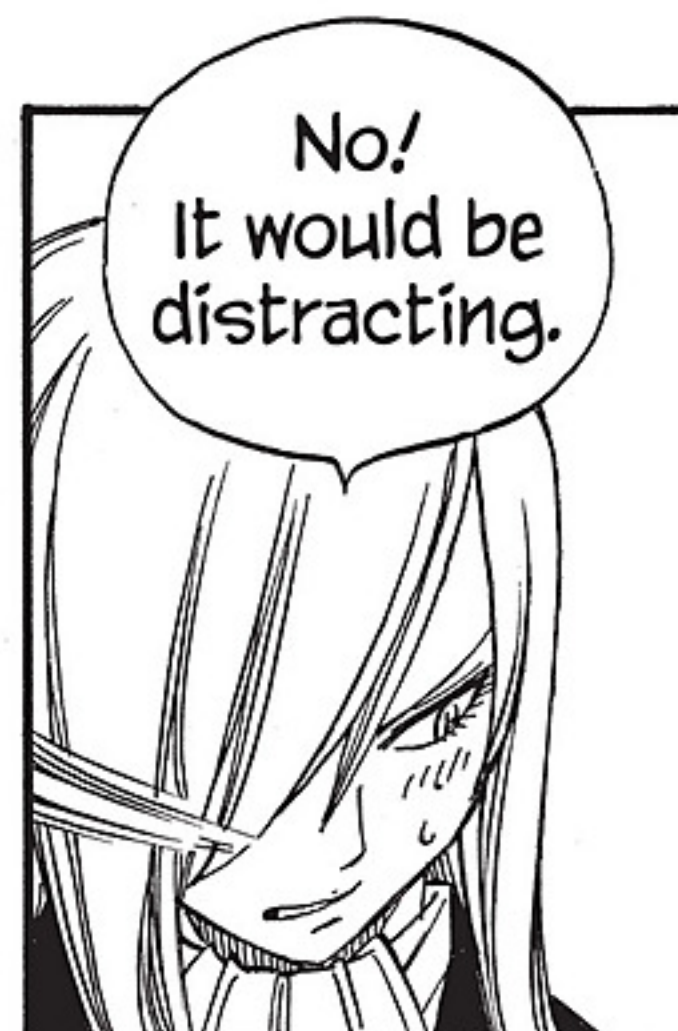
...Would you consider putting on some clothes first?



In that case ...



Ho?

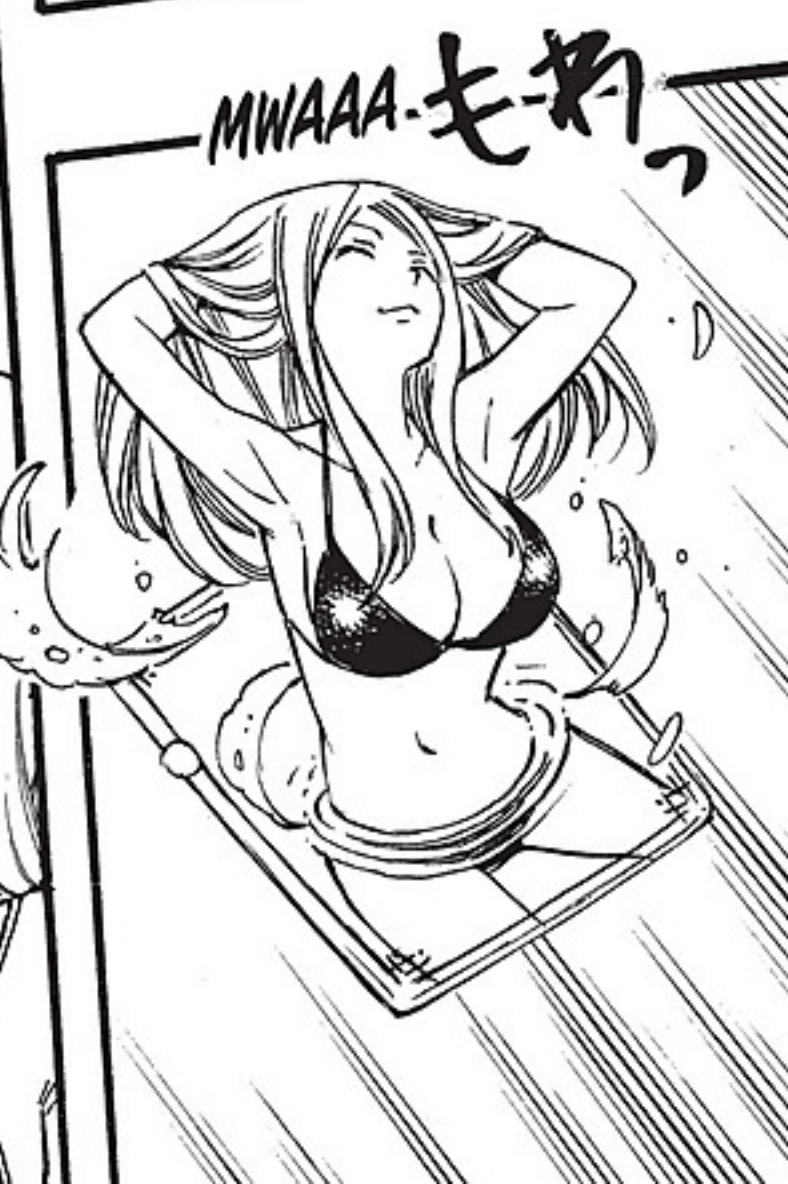
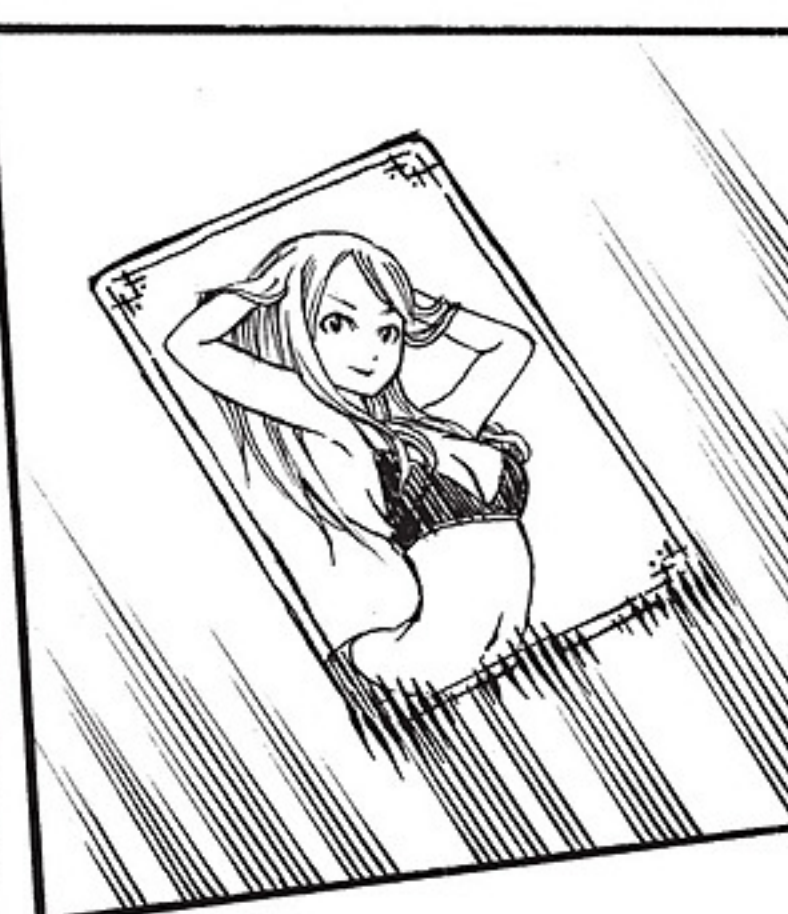


No! It would be distracting.

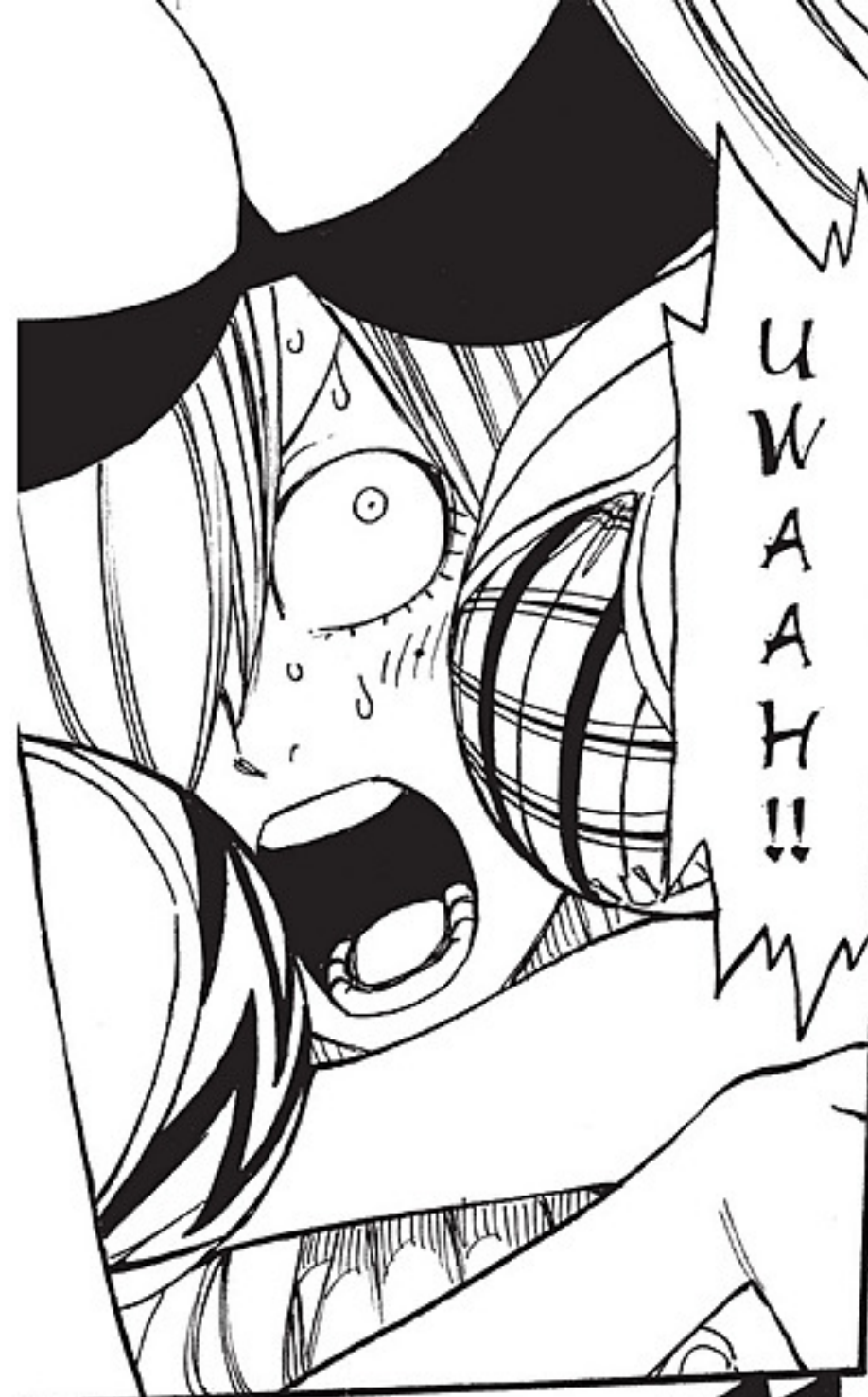


WHA-?!
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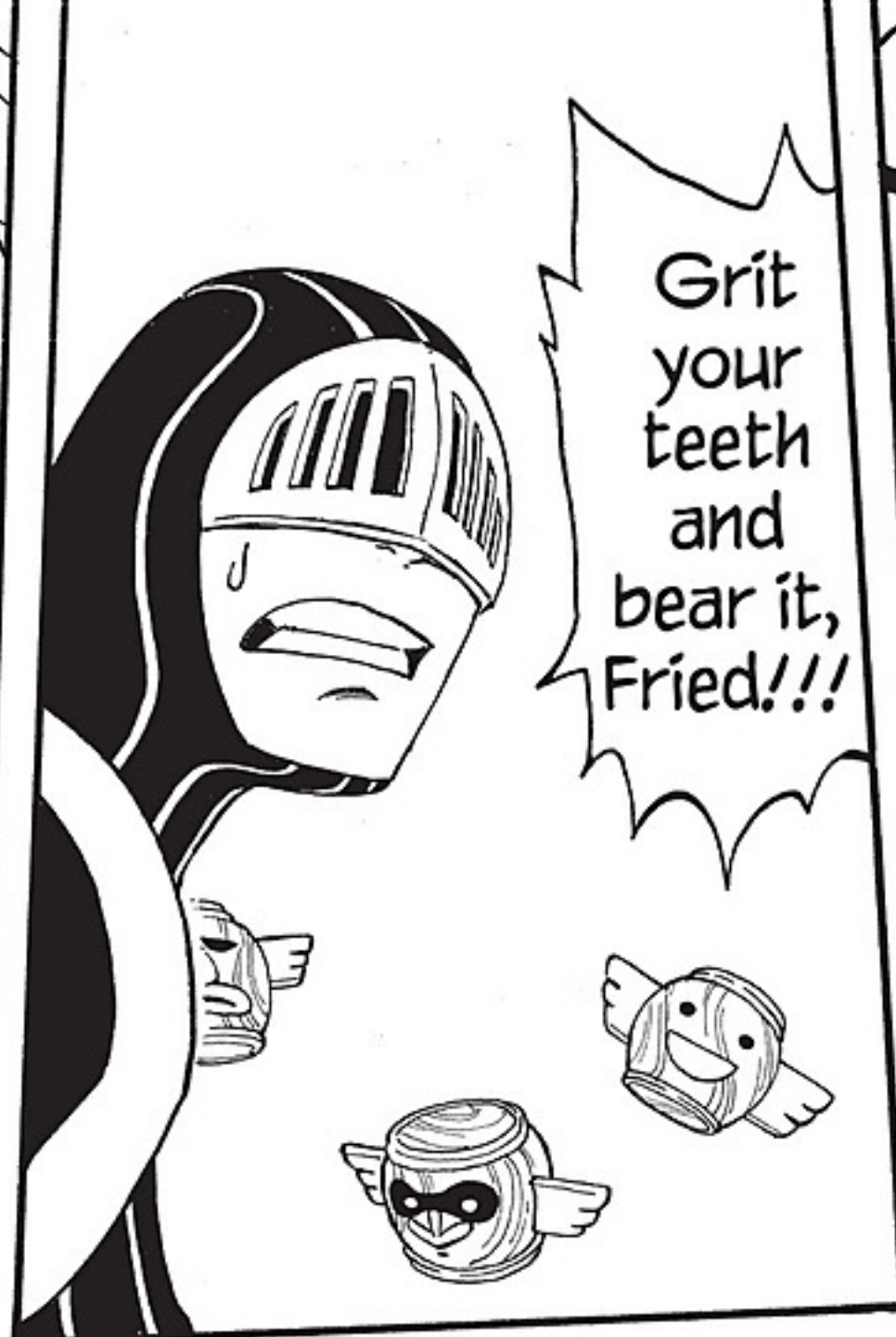
SEXY GIRL CARDS !!!



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UWAH!!

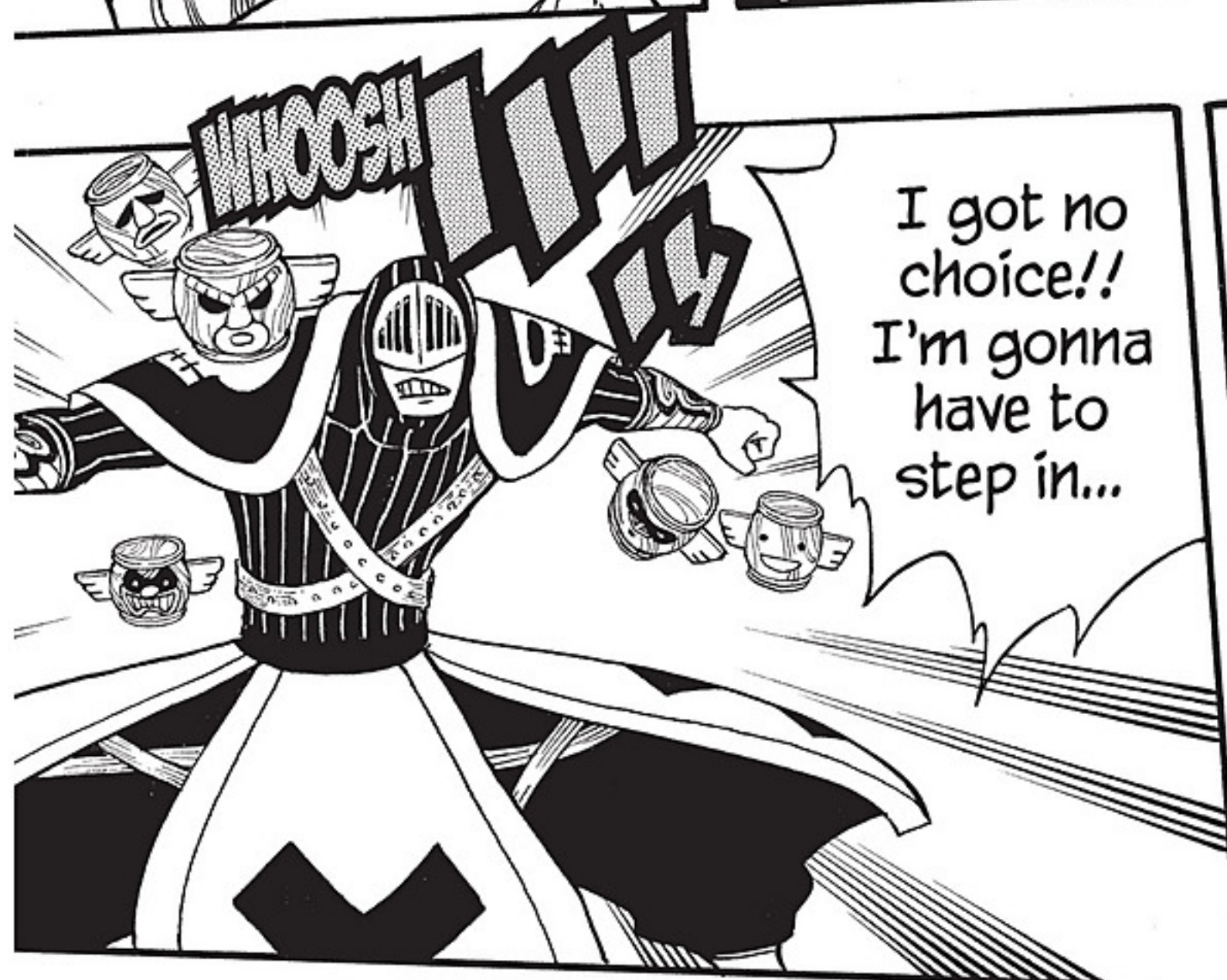


Grit your teeth and bear it, Fried!!!

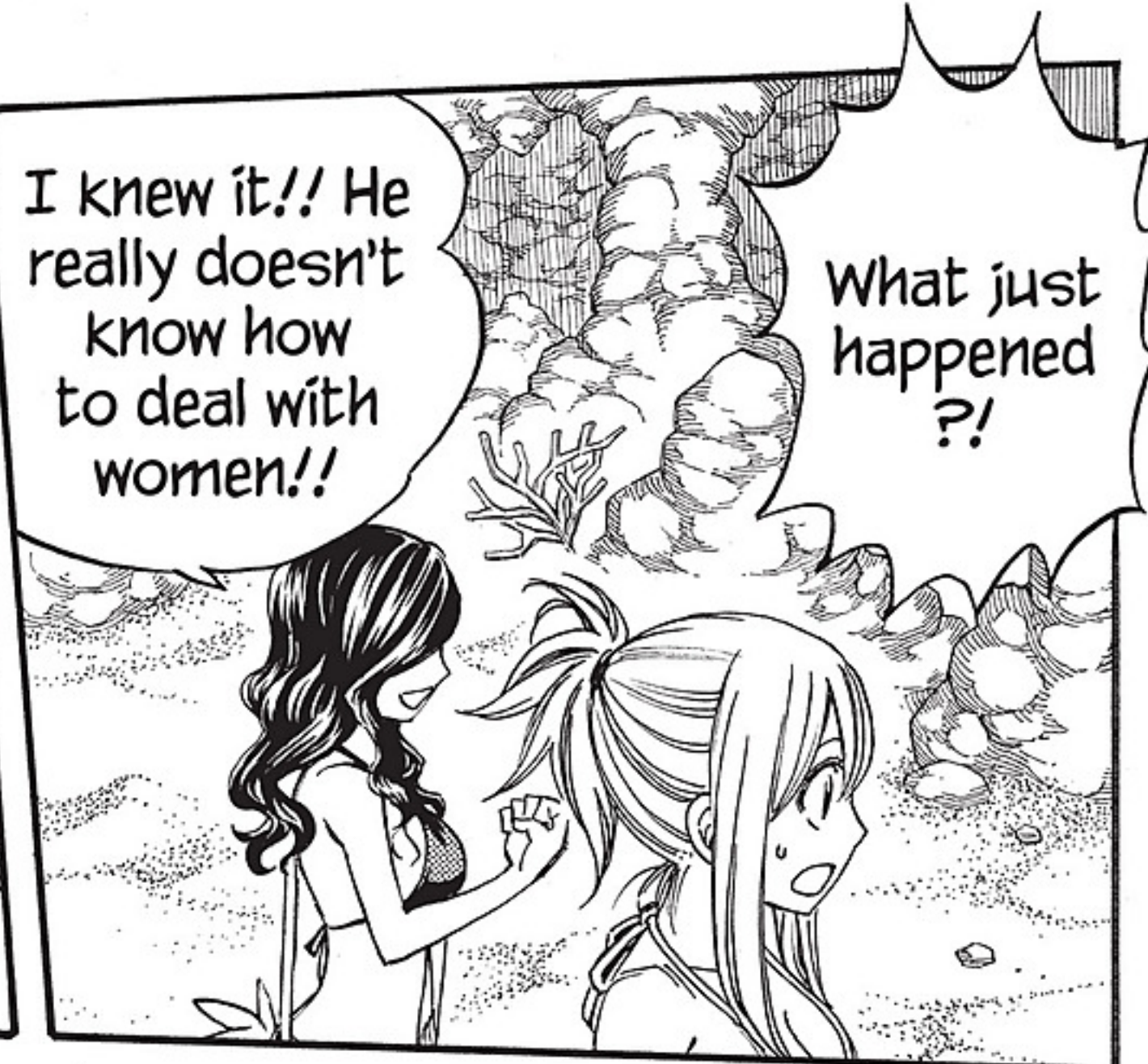


Girls came out of her cards !!!

How lewd can a person get?!



I got no choice!! I'm gonna have to step in...

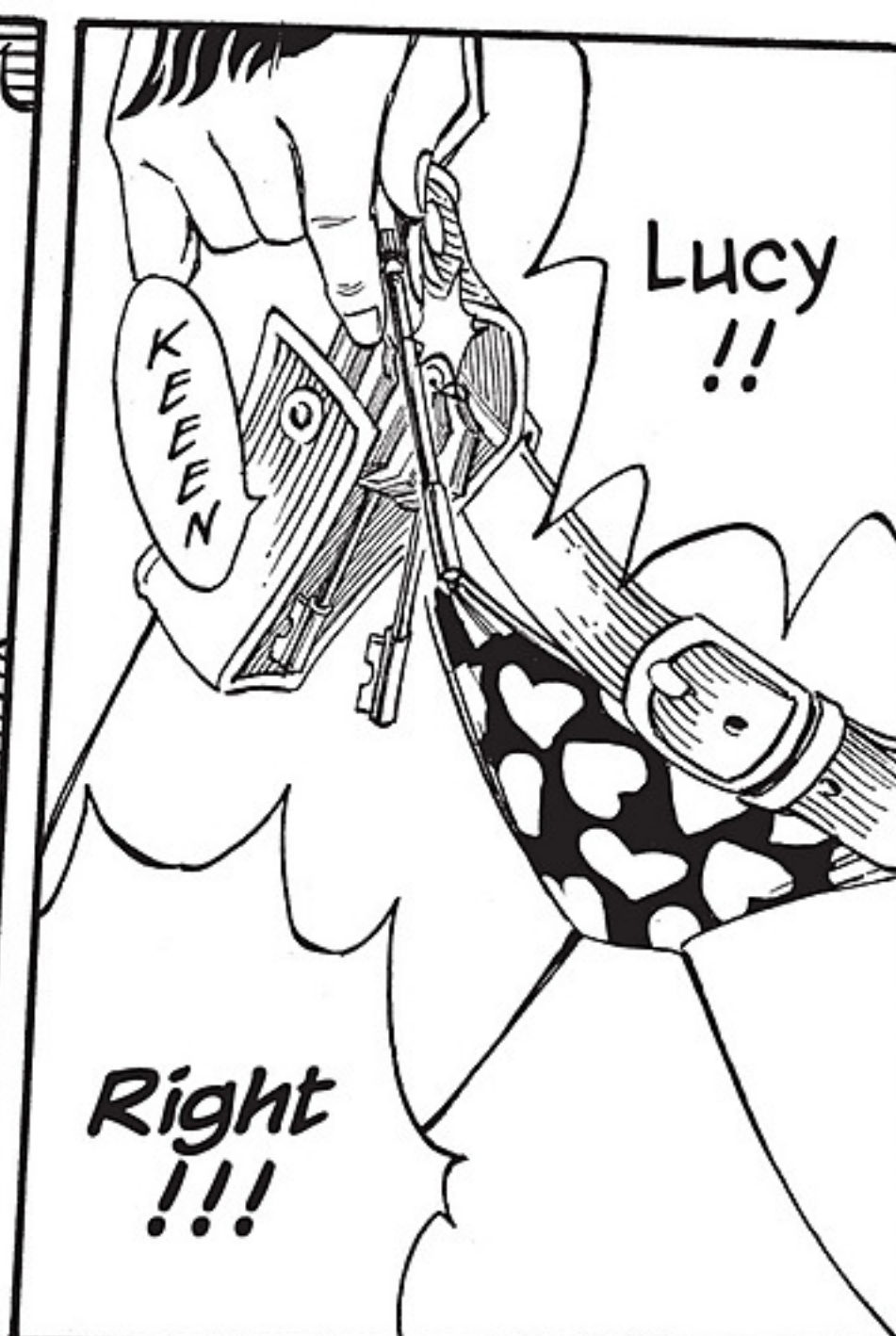


I knew it!! He really doesn't know how to deal with women!!

What just happened?!

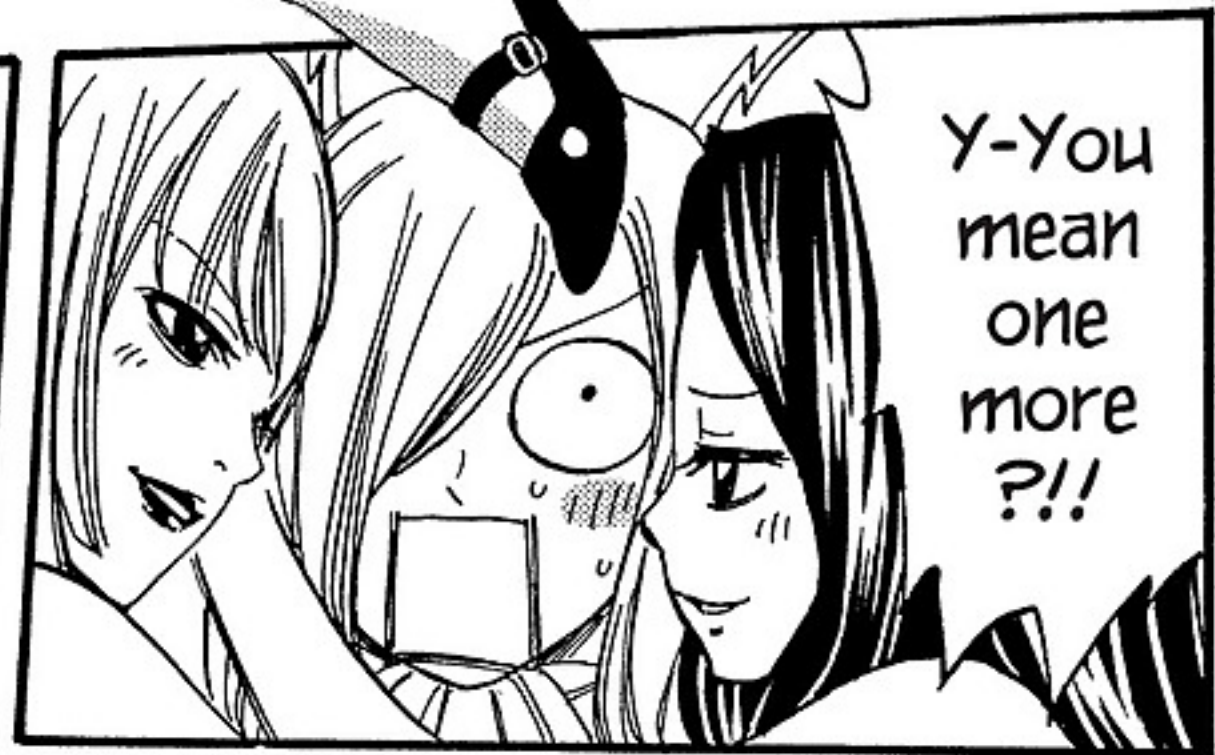
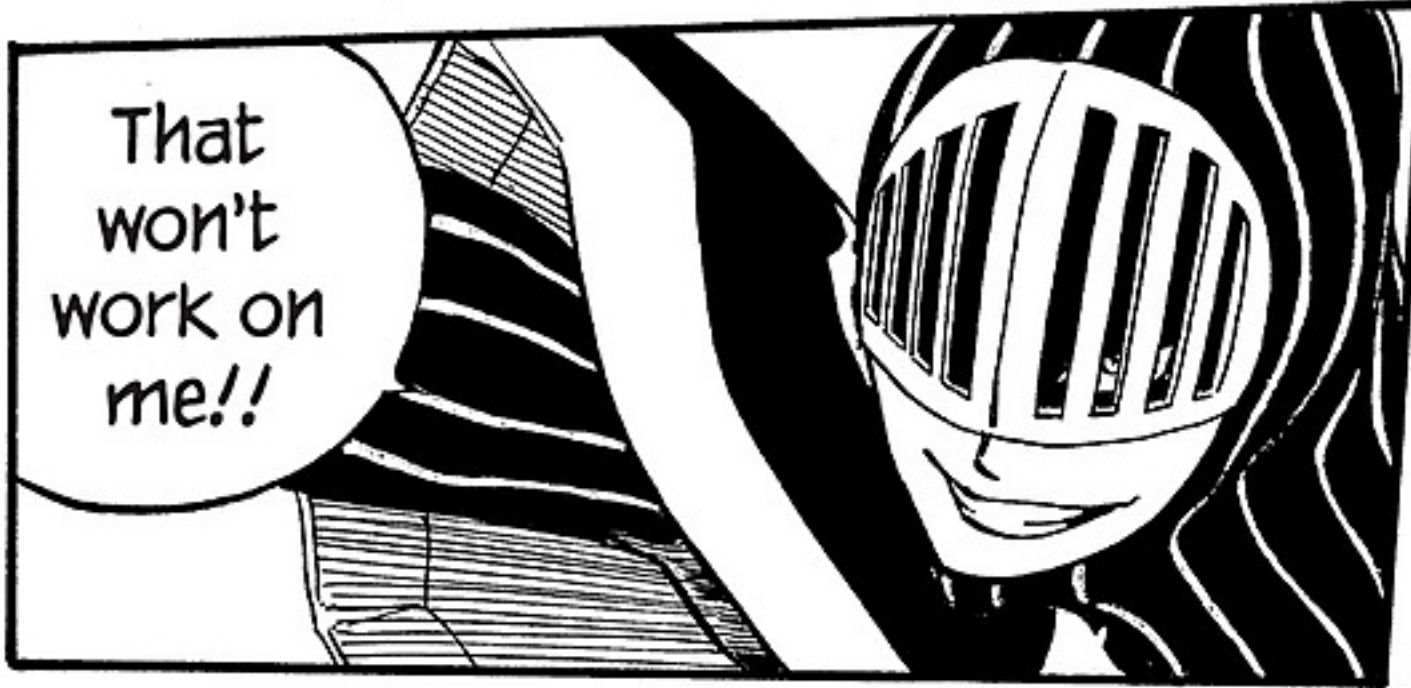


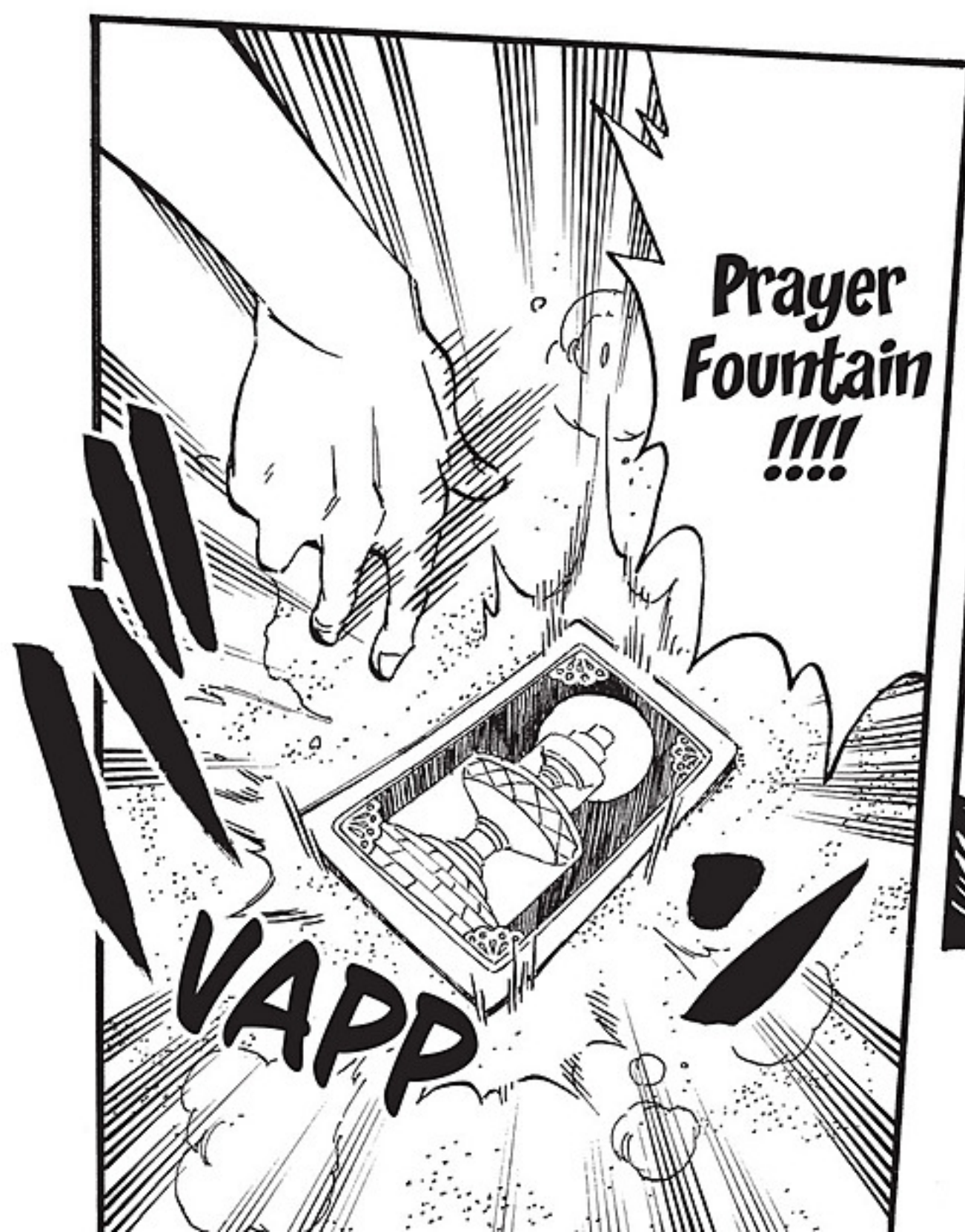
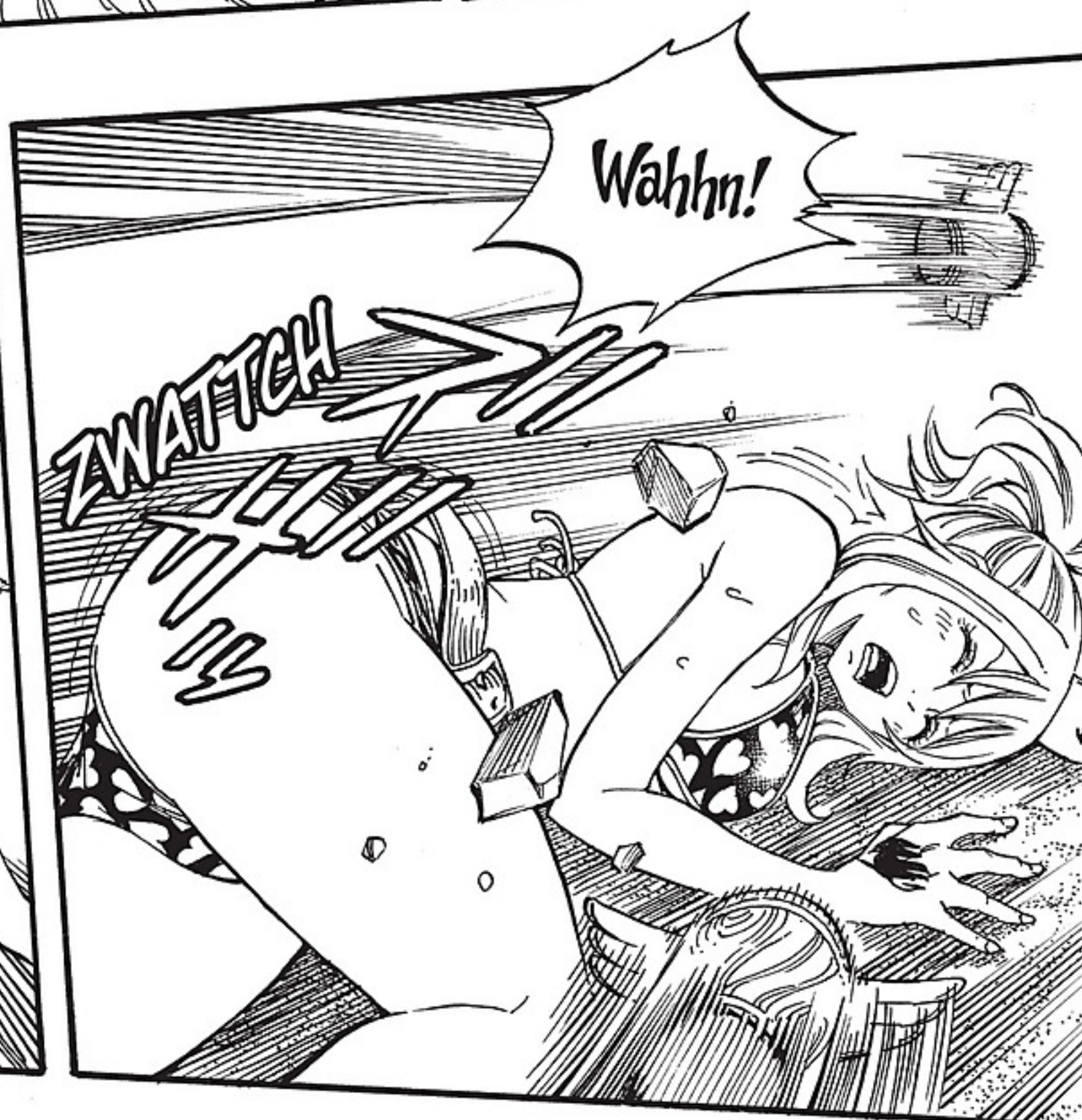
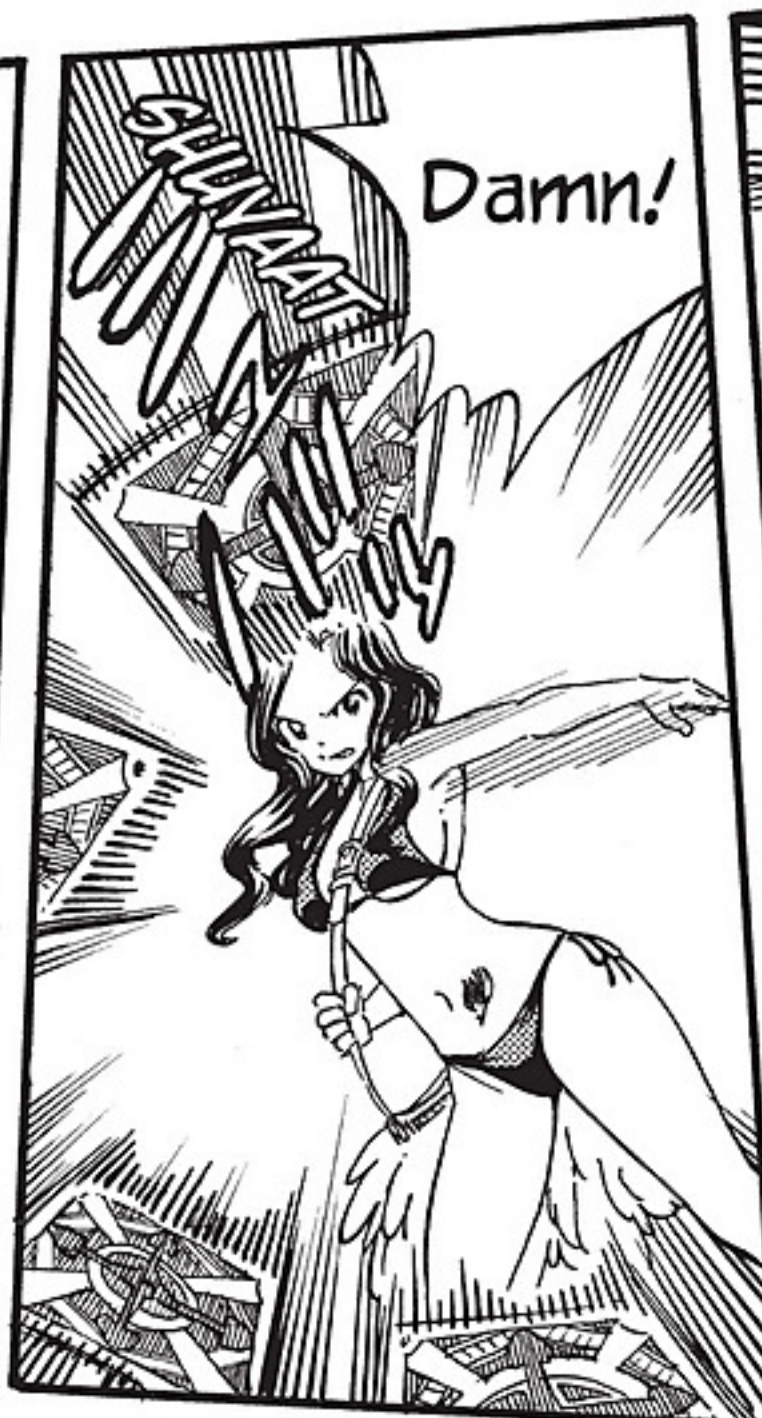
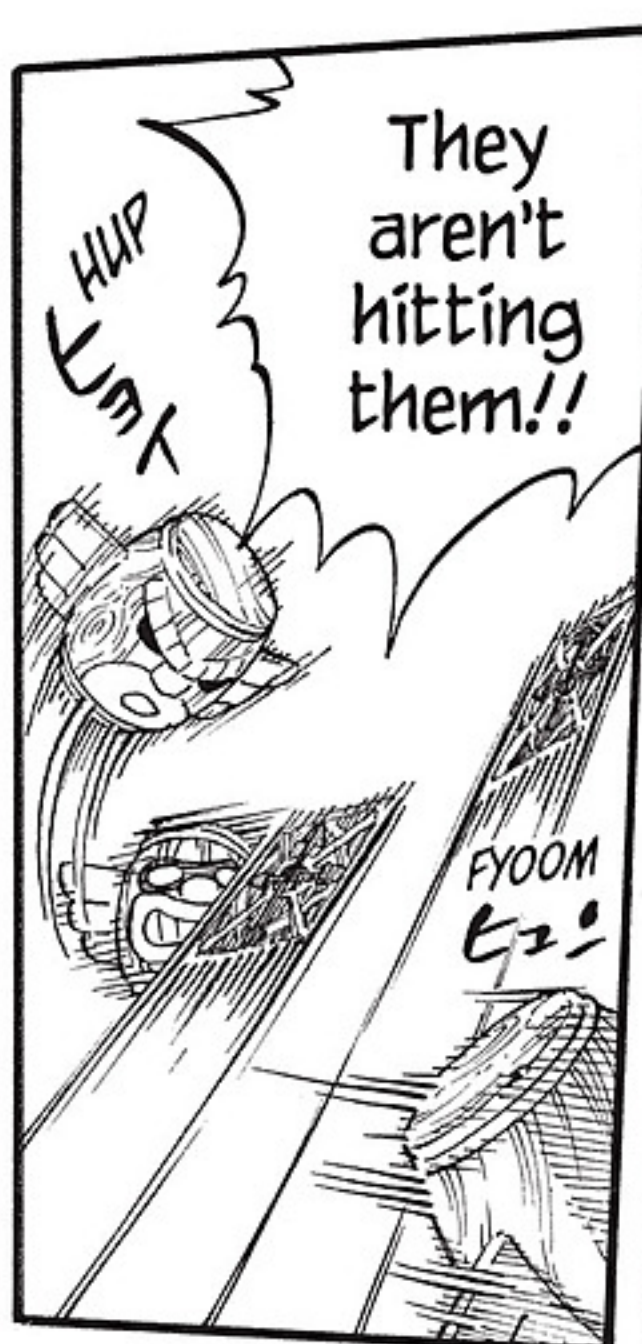
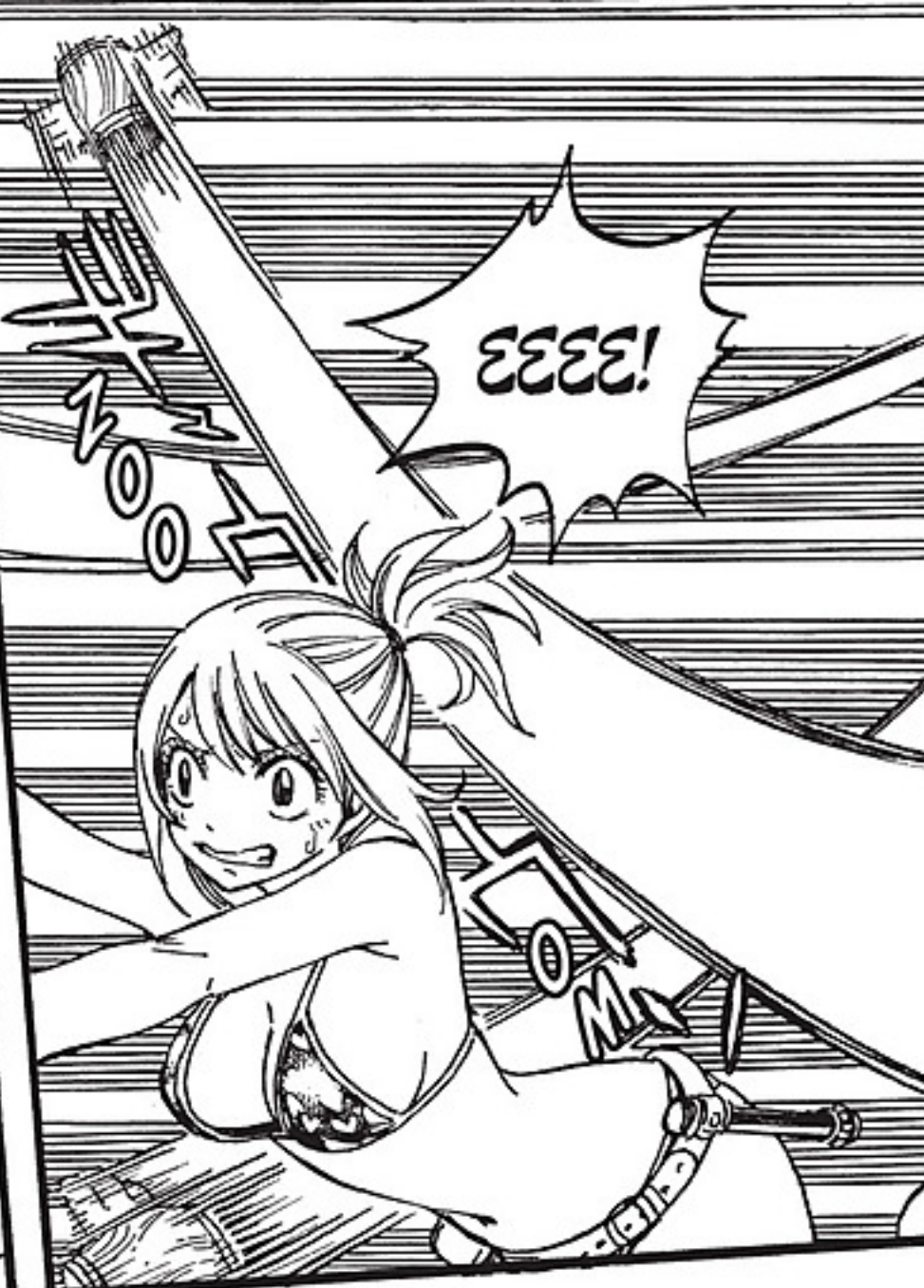
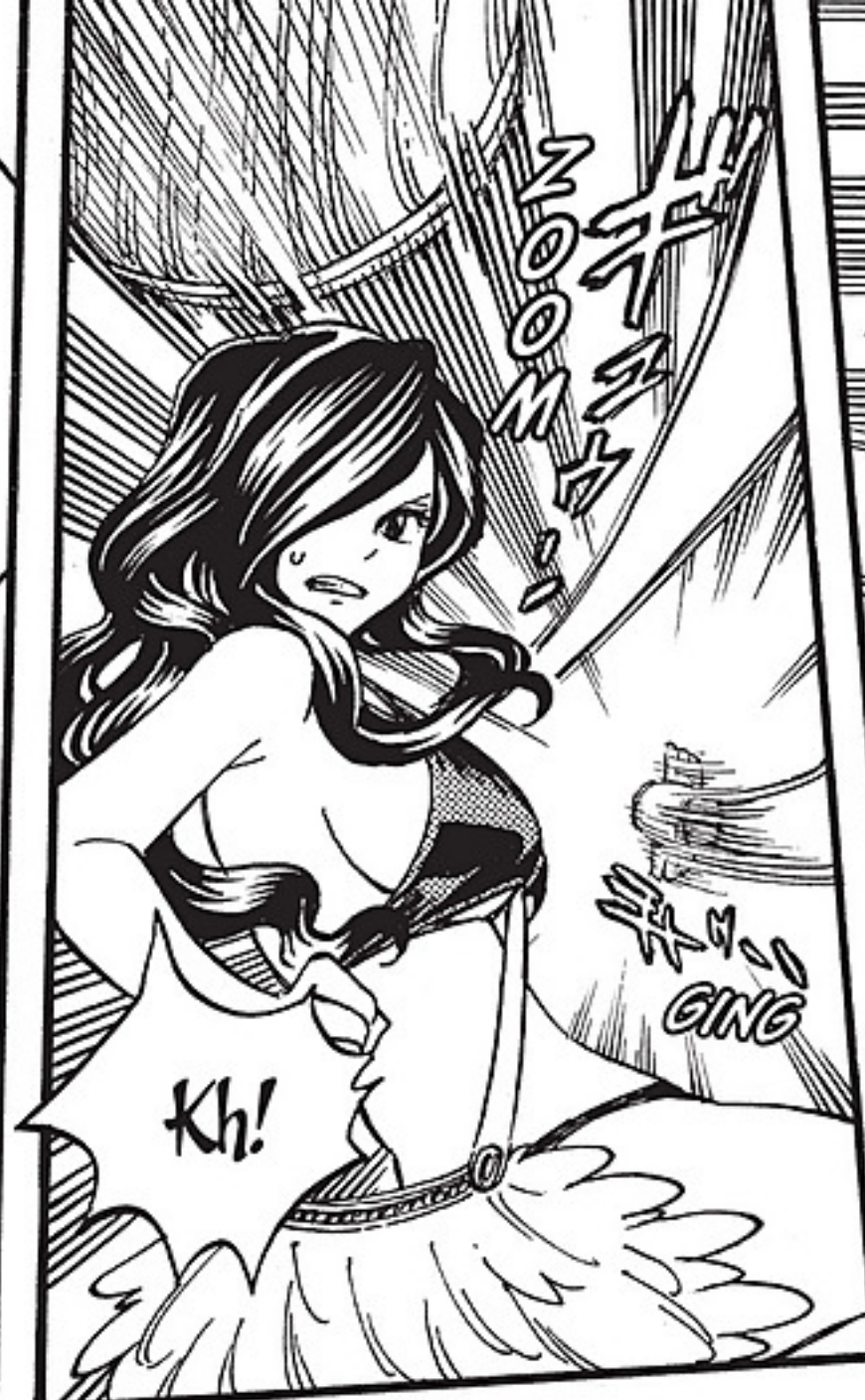
Open!! Gate of the Virgin Palace!!!

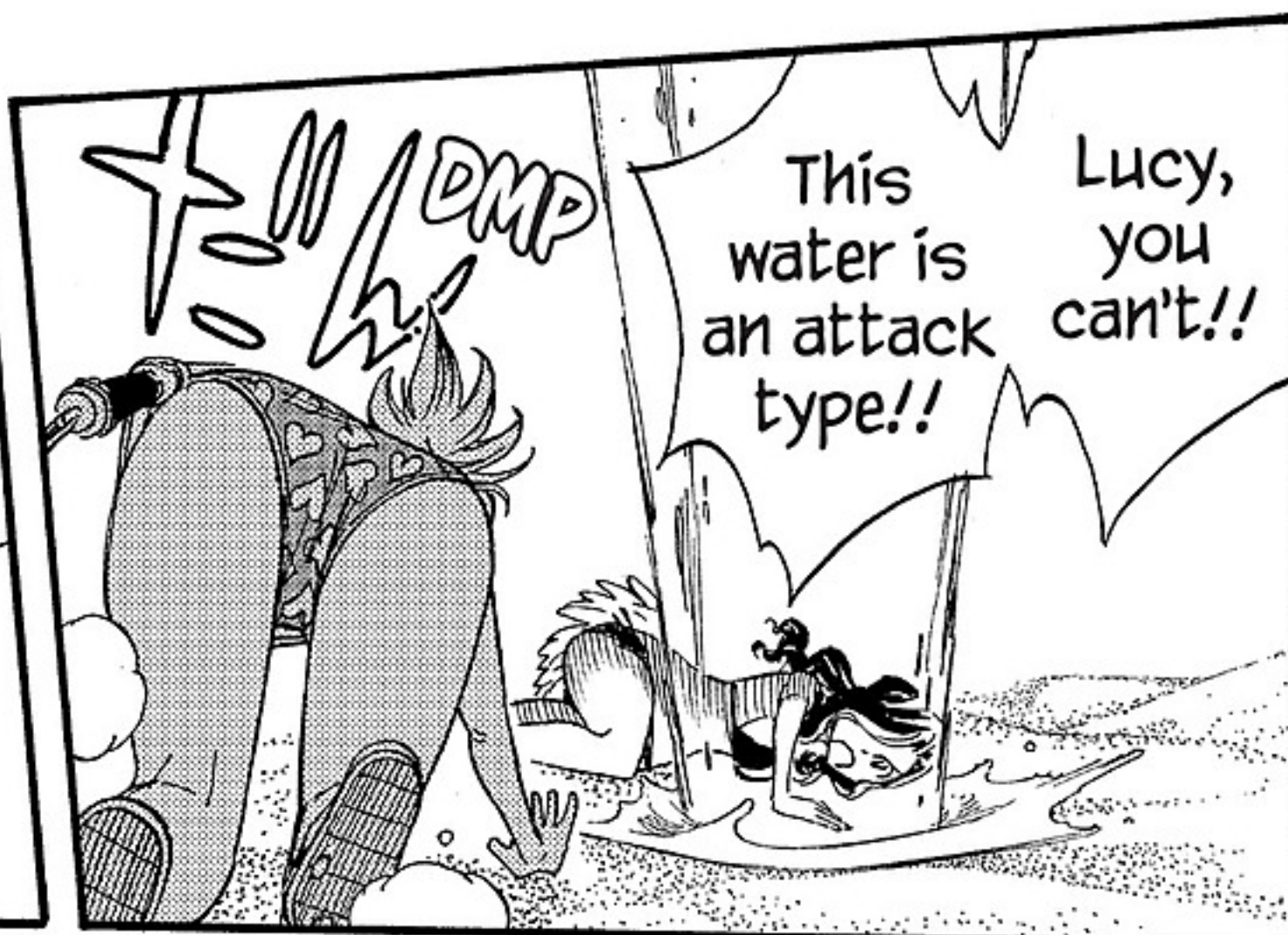
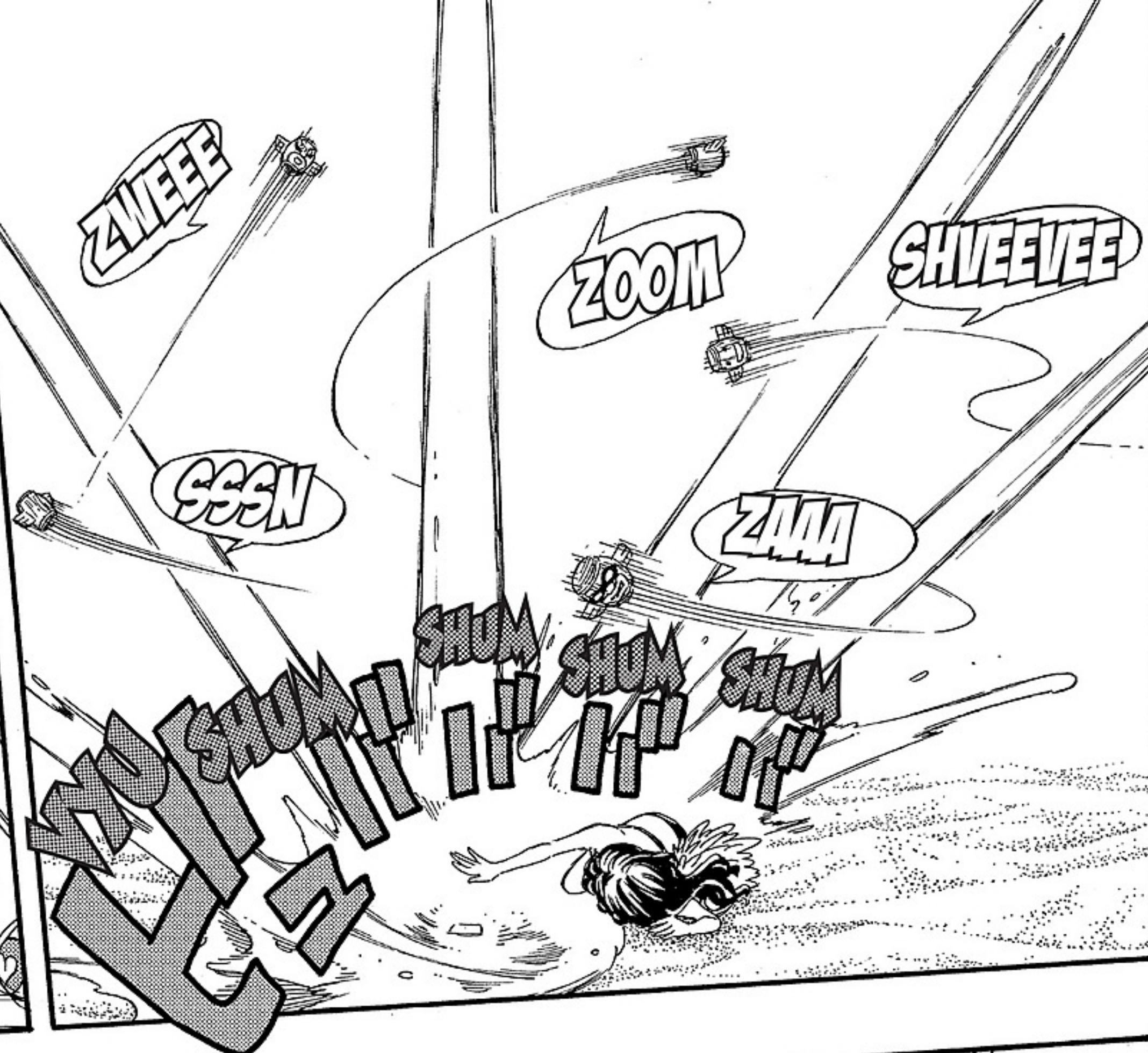


Lucy !!

Right !!!









Take
this
!!!!



An-
other
bathing
suit
?!!



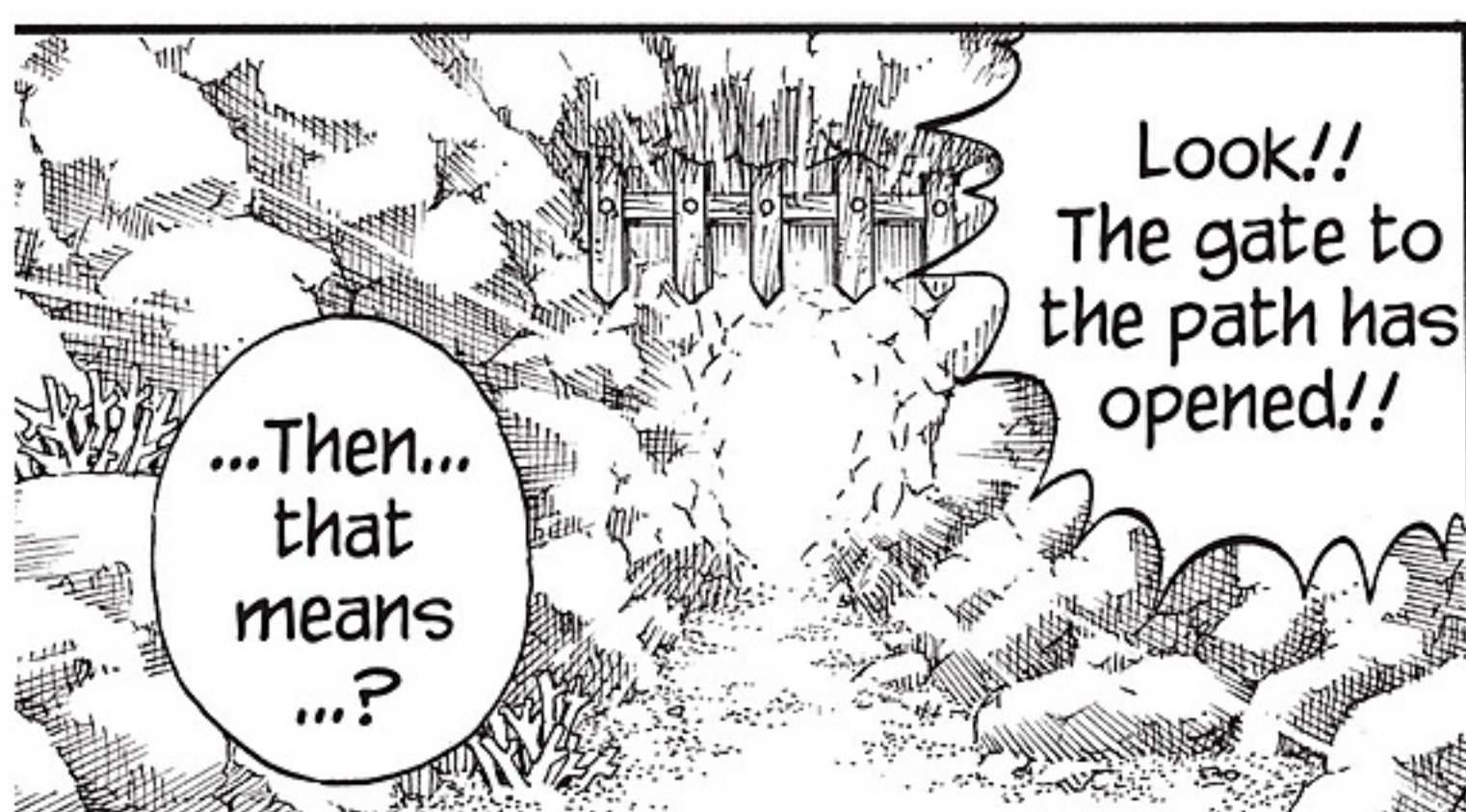
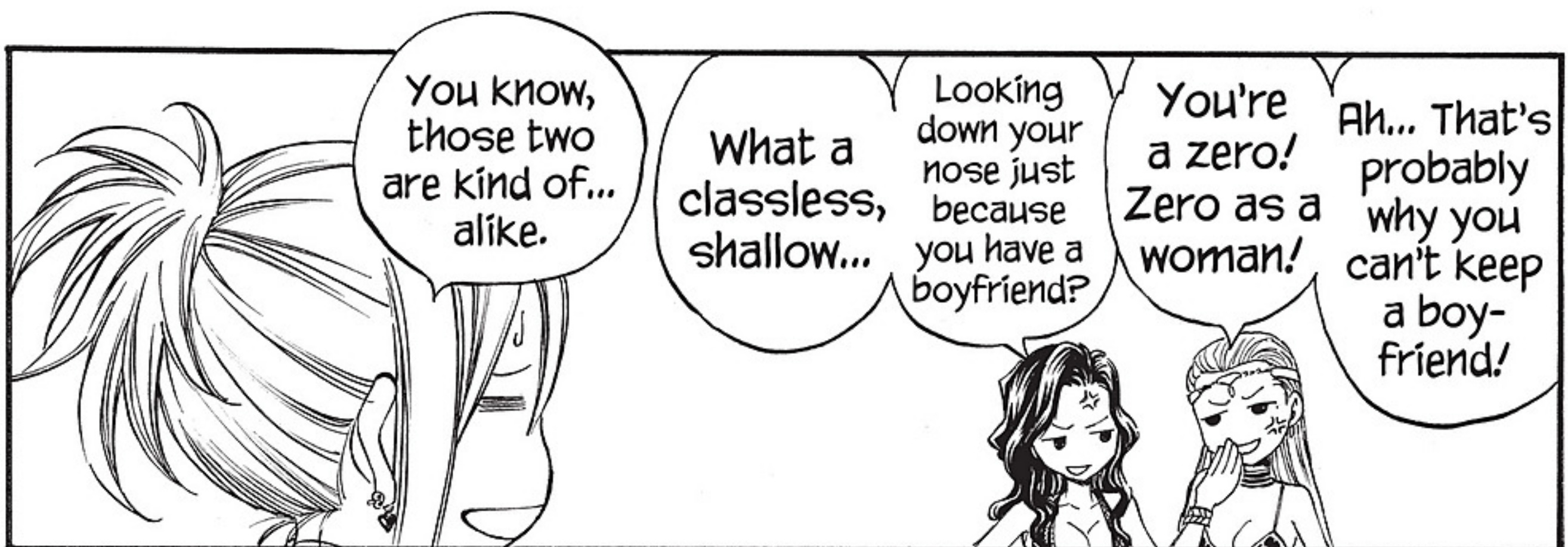
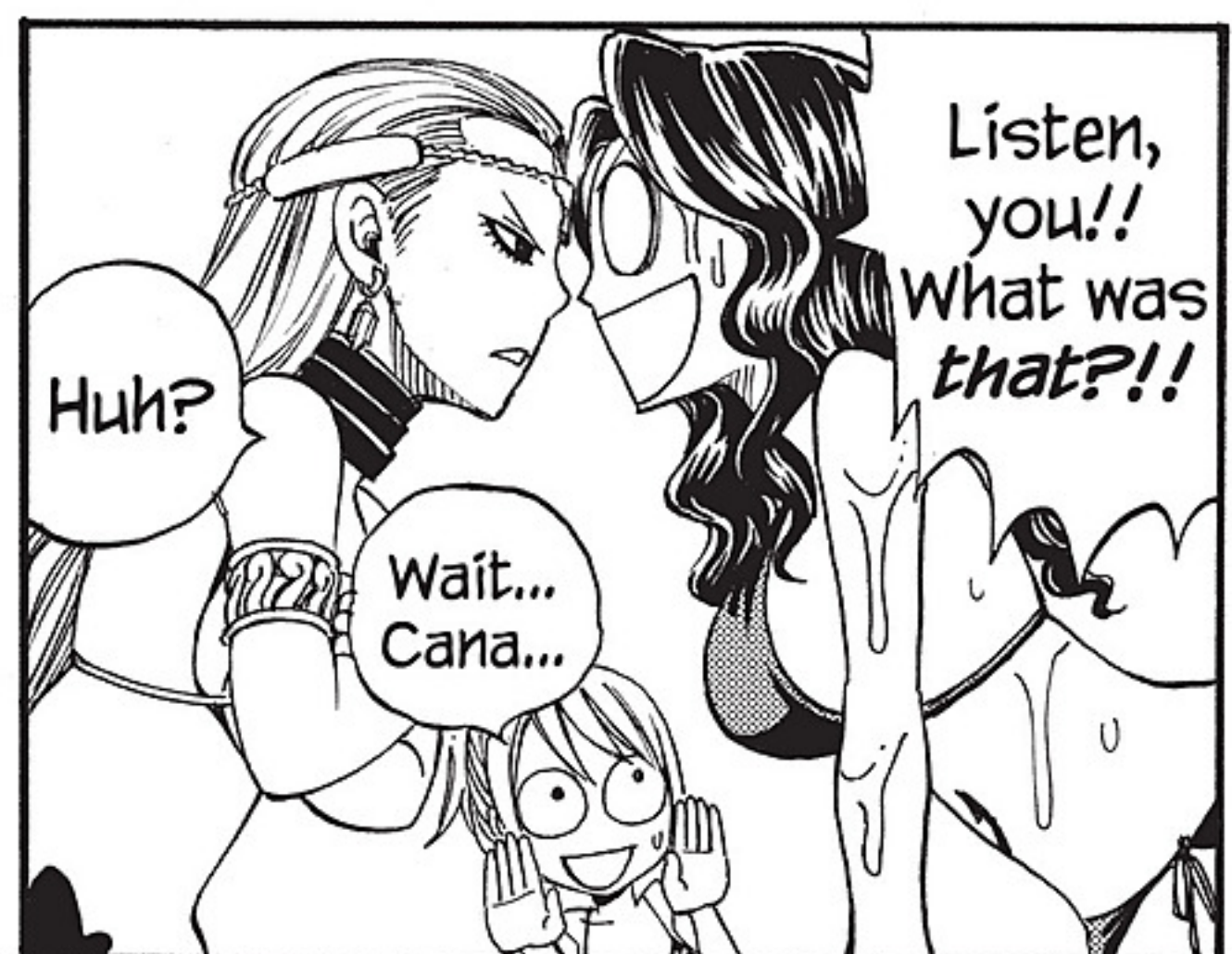
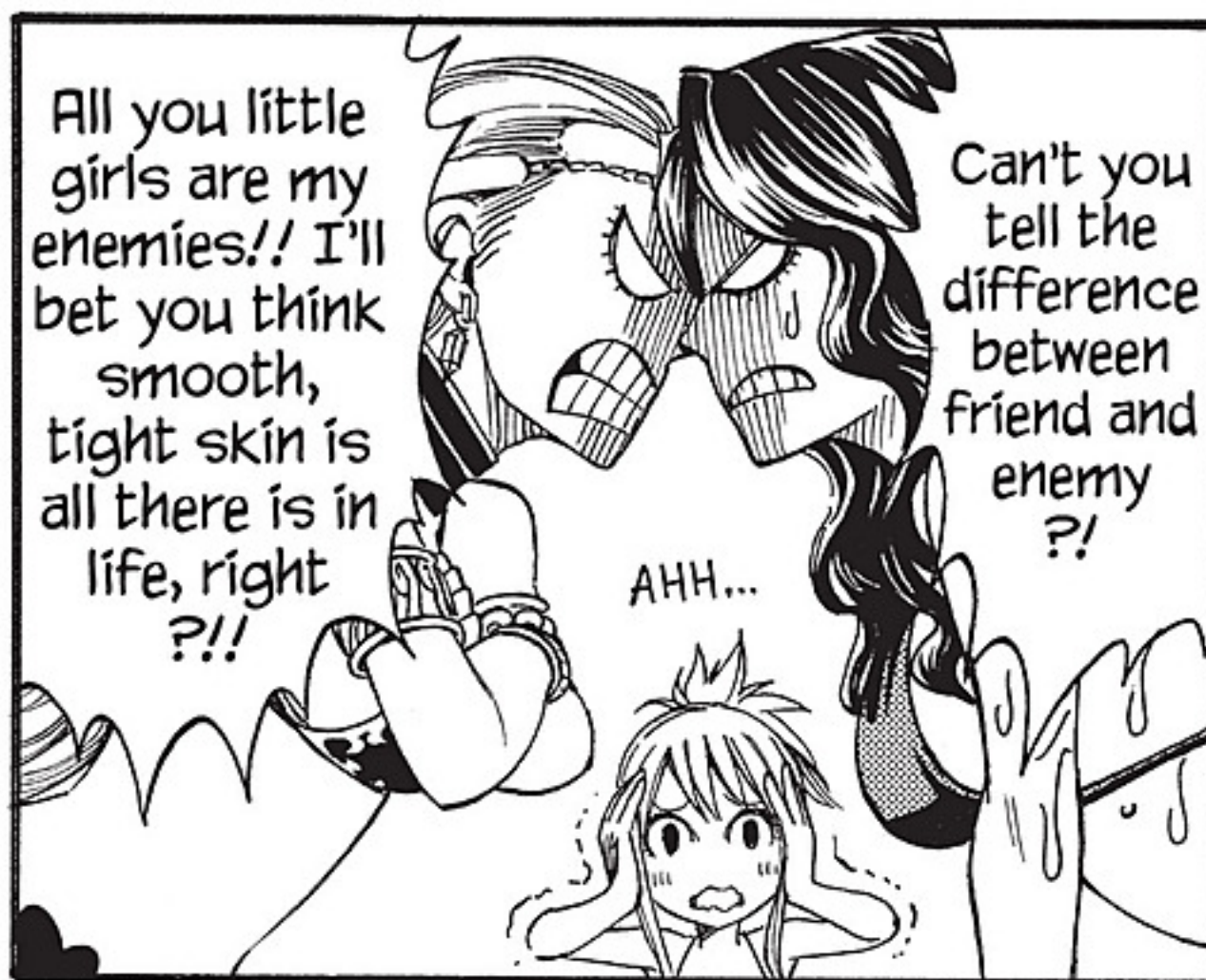
Woah
!!!!

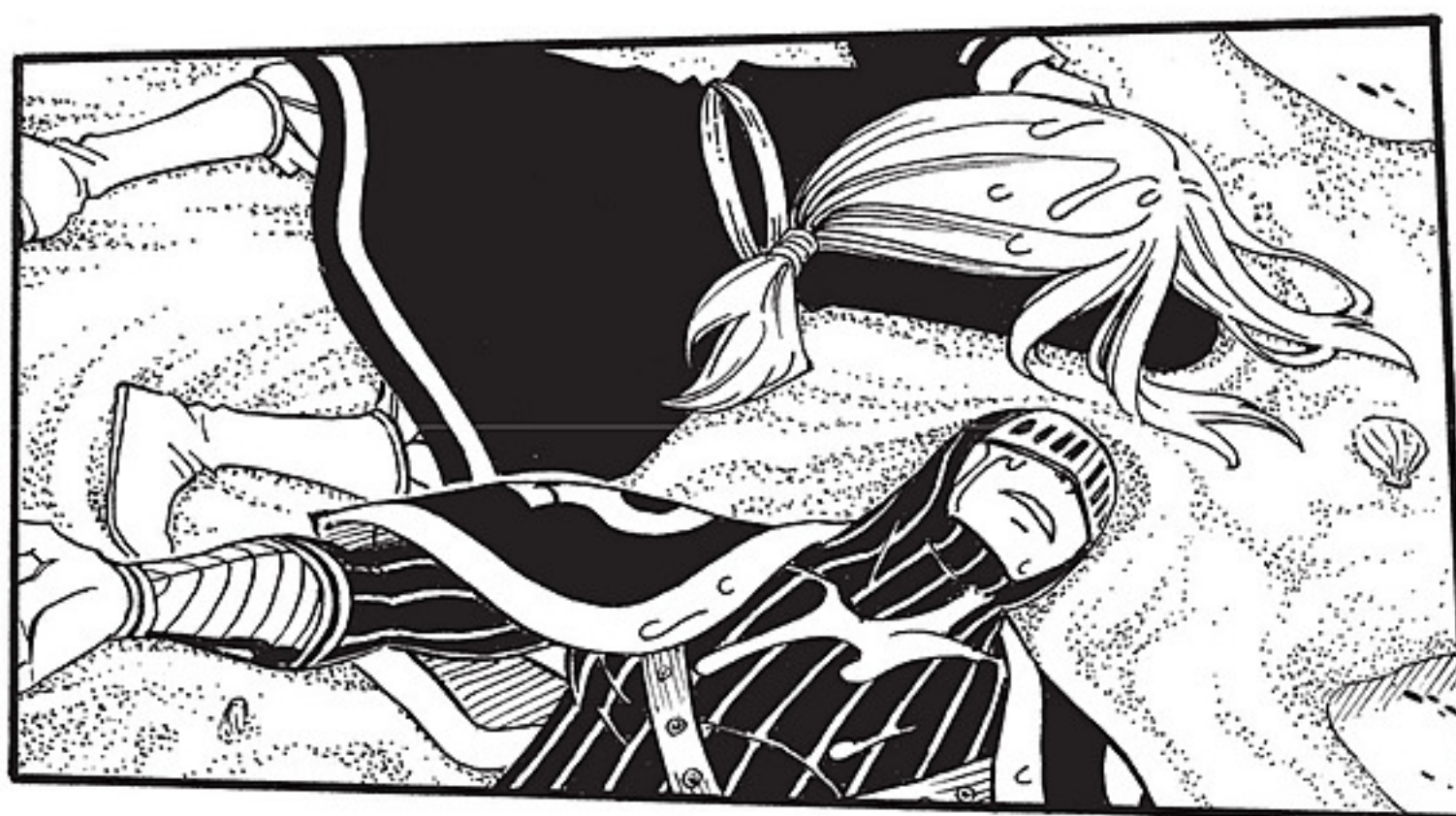
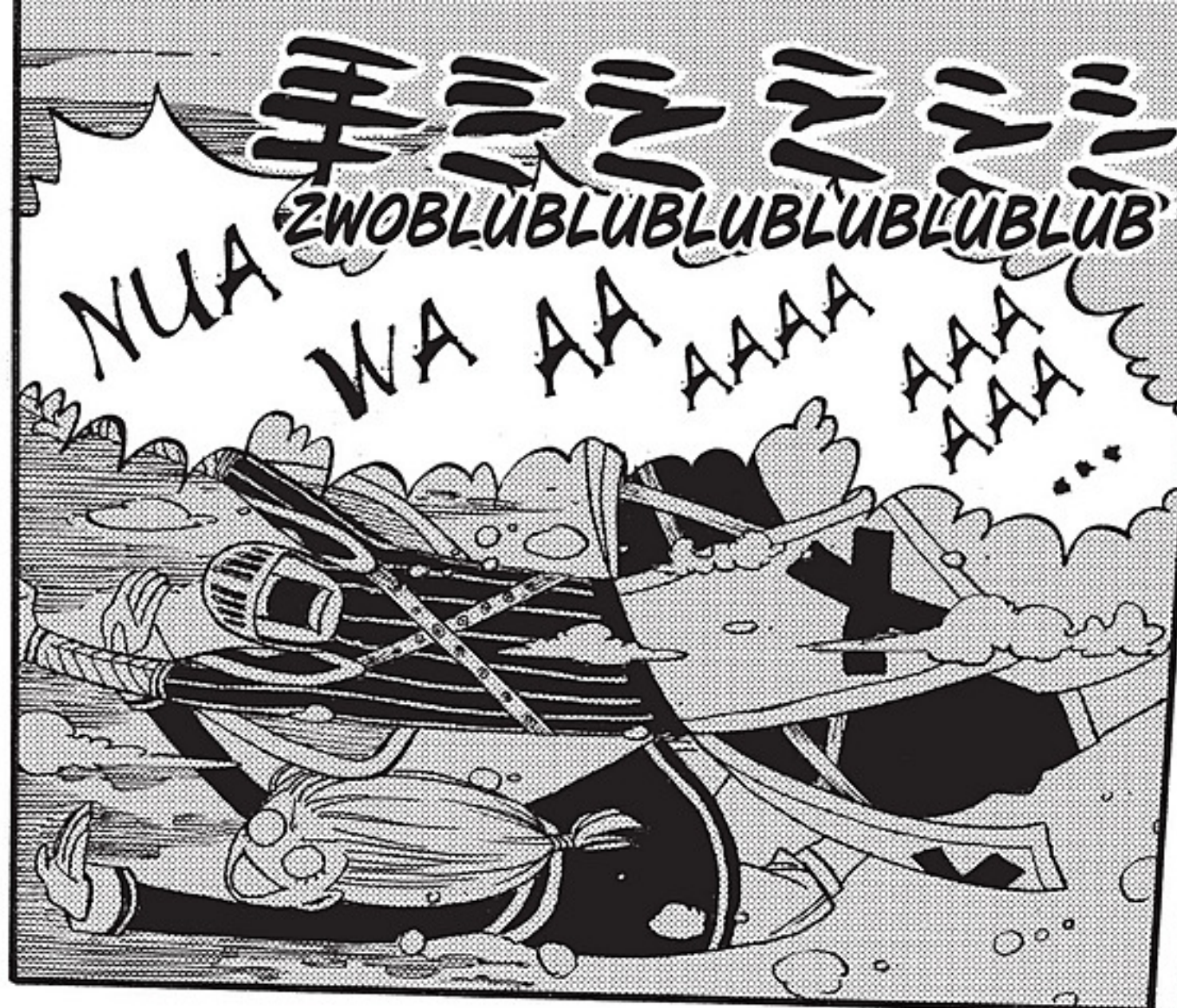


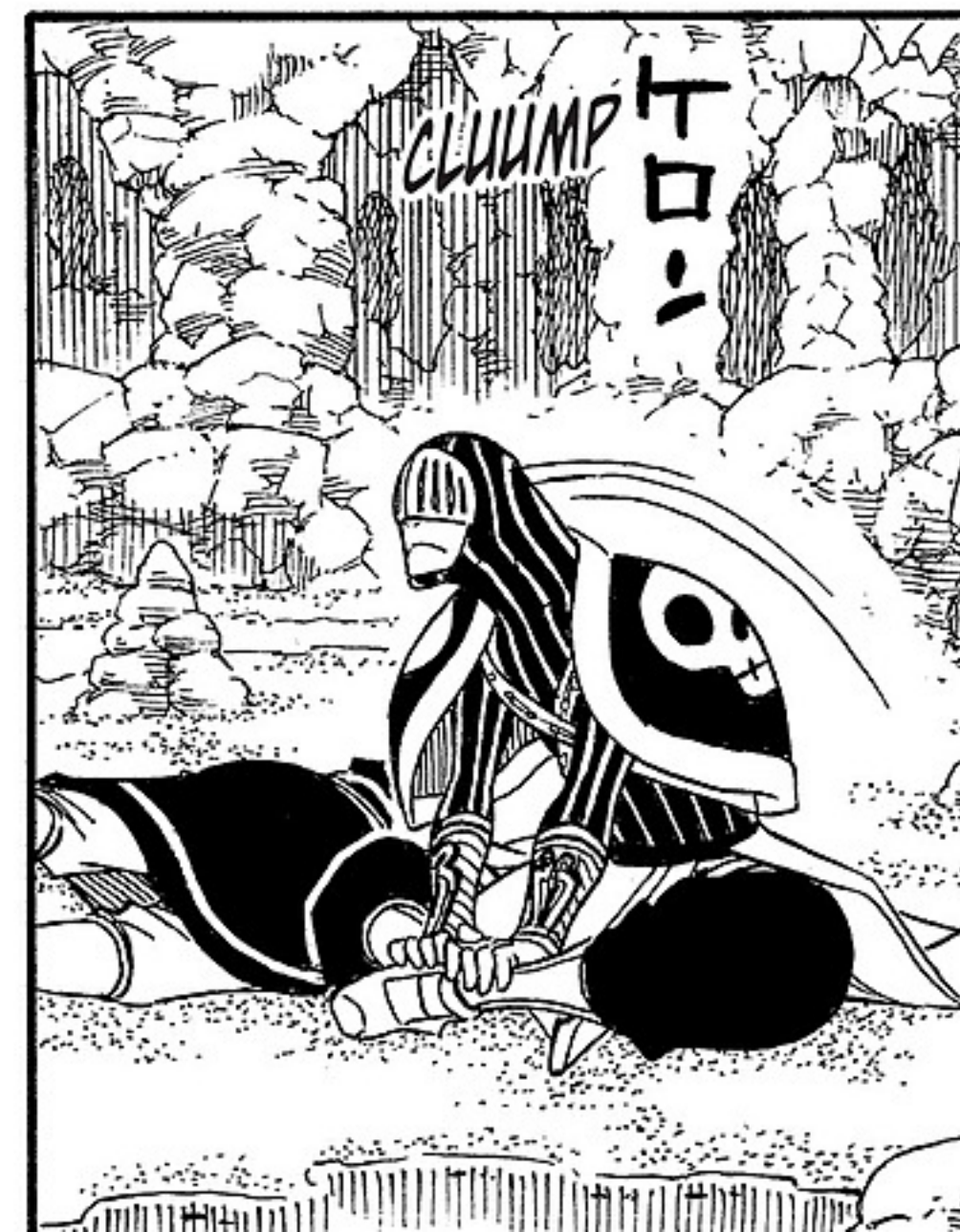
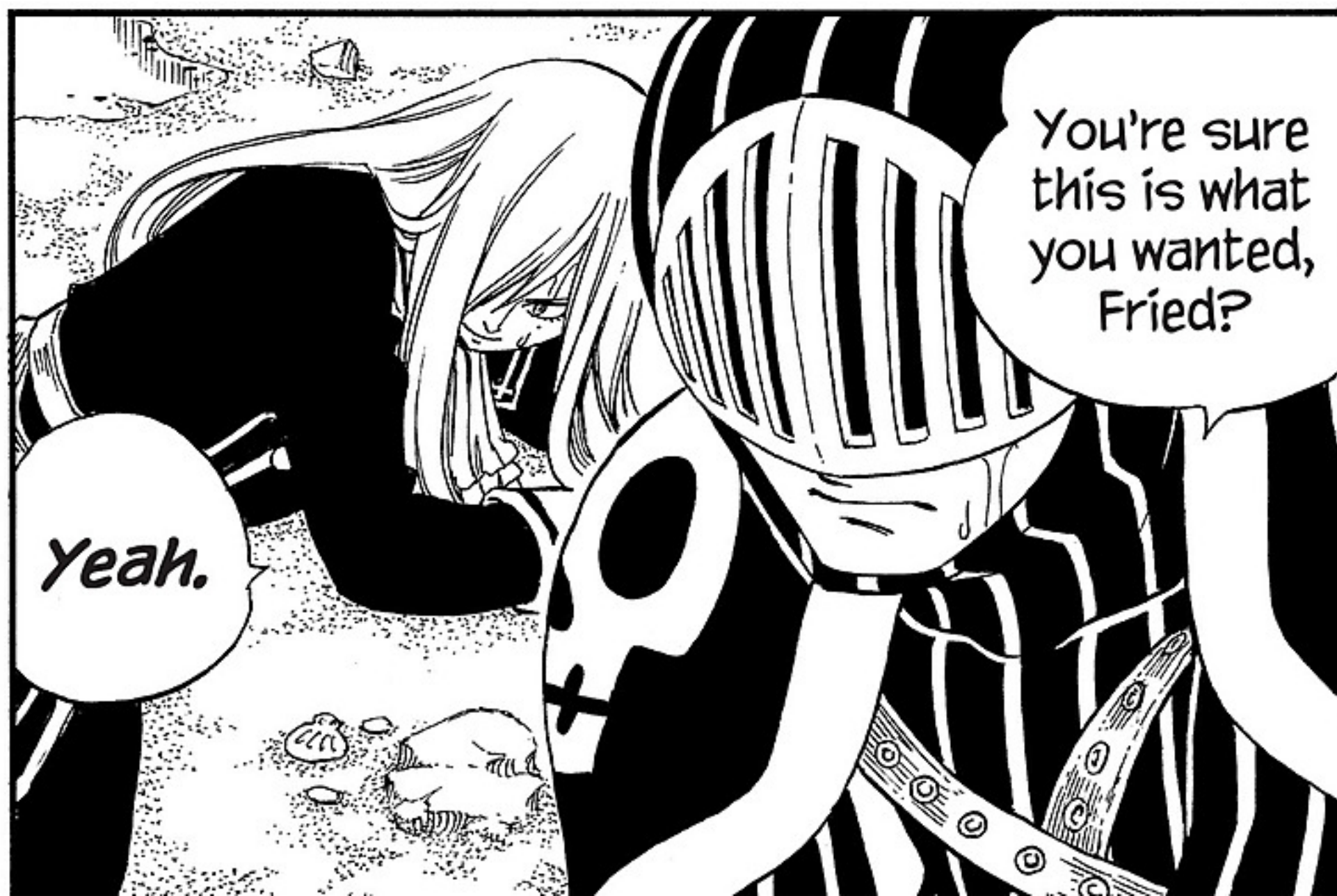
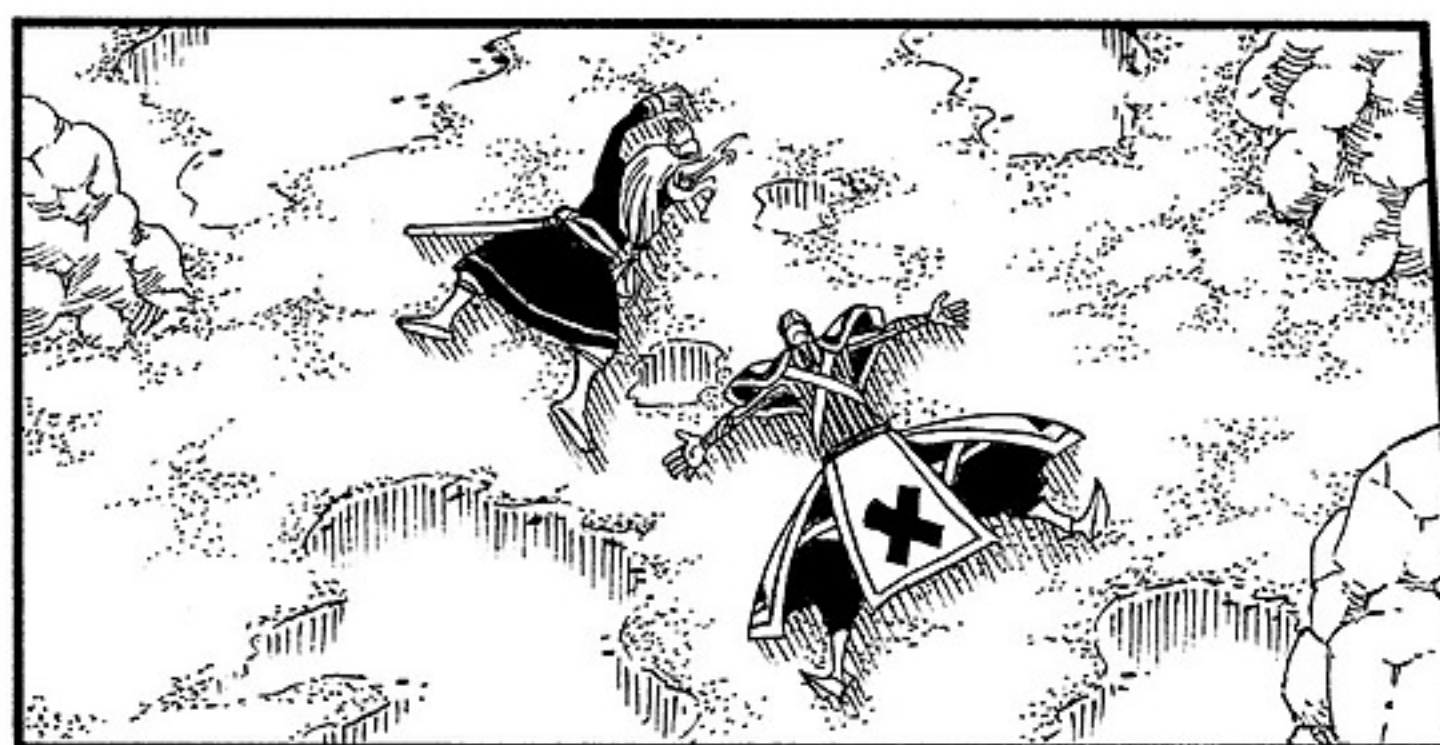
What
?!

Cana!!
Grab on to
something
!!!







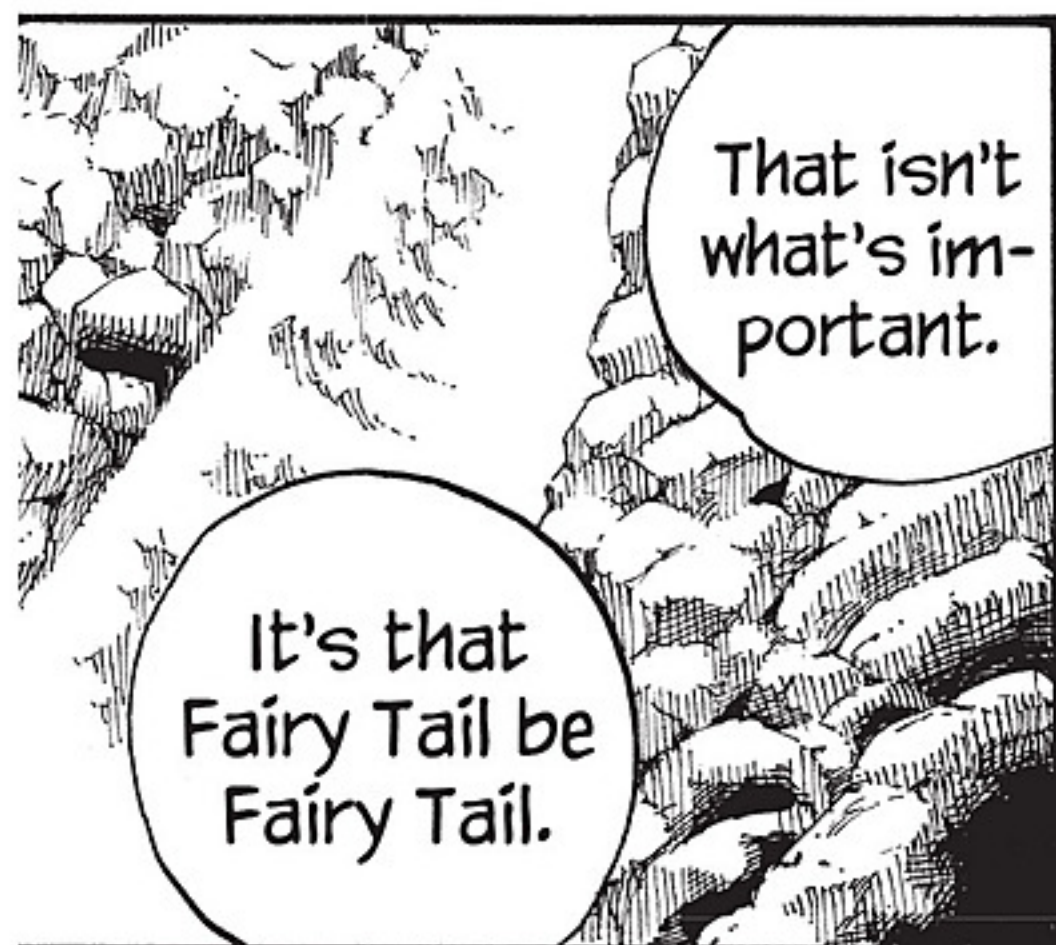




But I
owe a
debt to
those
two.

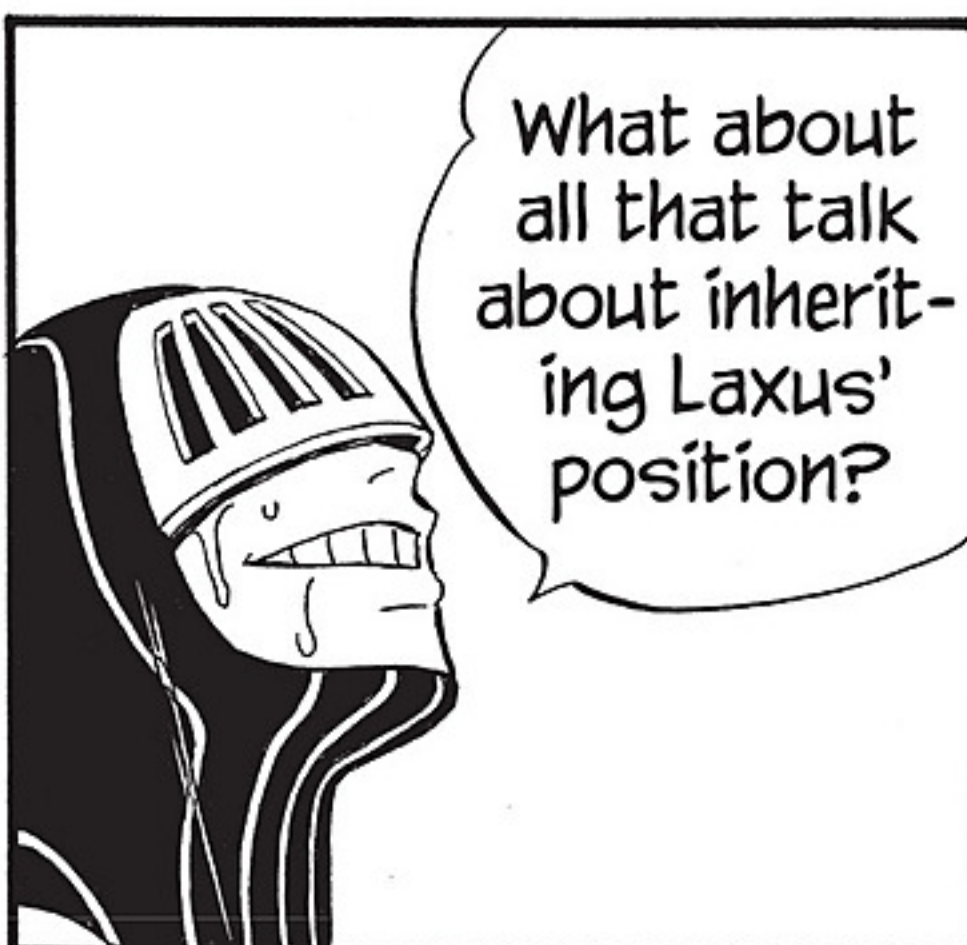
I decided
from the
start to do
this if it
came to a
battle with
them.

If it
had been
any other
team, I'd
have gone
full out.

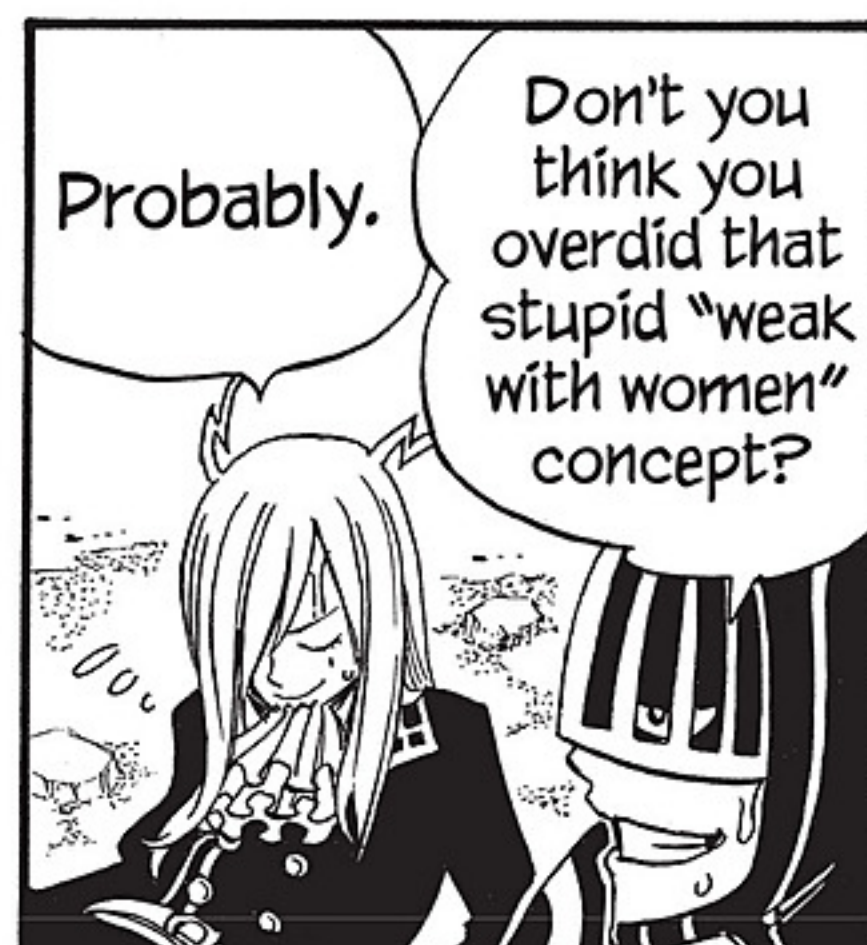


That isn't
what's im-
portant.

It's that
Fairy Tail be
Fairy Tail.



What about
all that talk
about inher-
iting Laxus'
position?



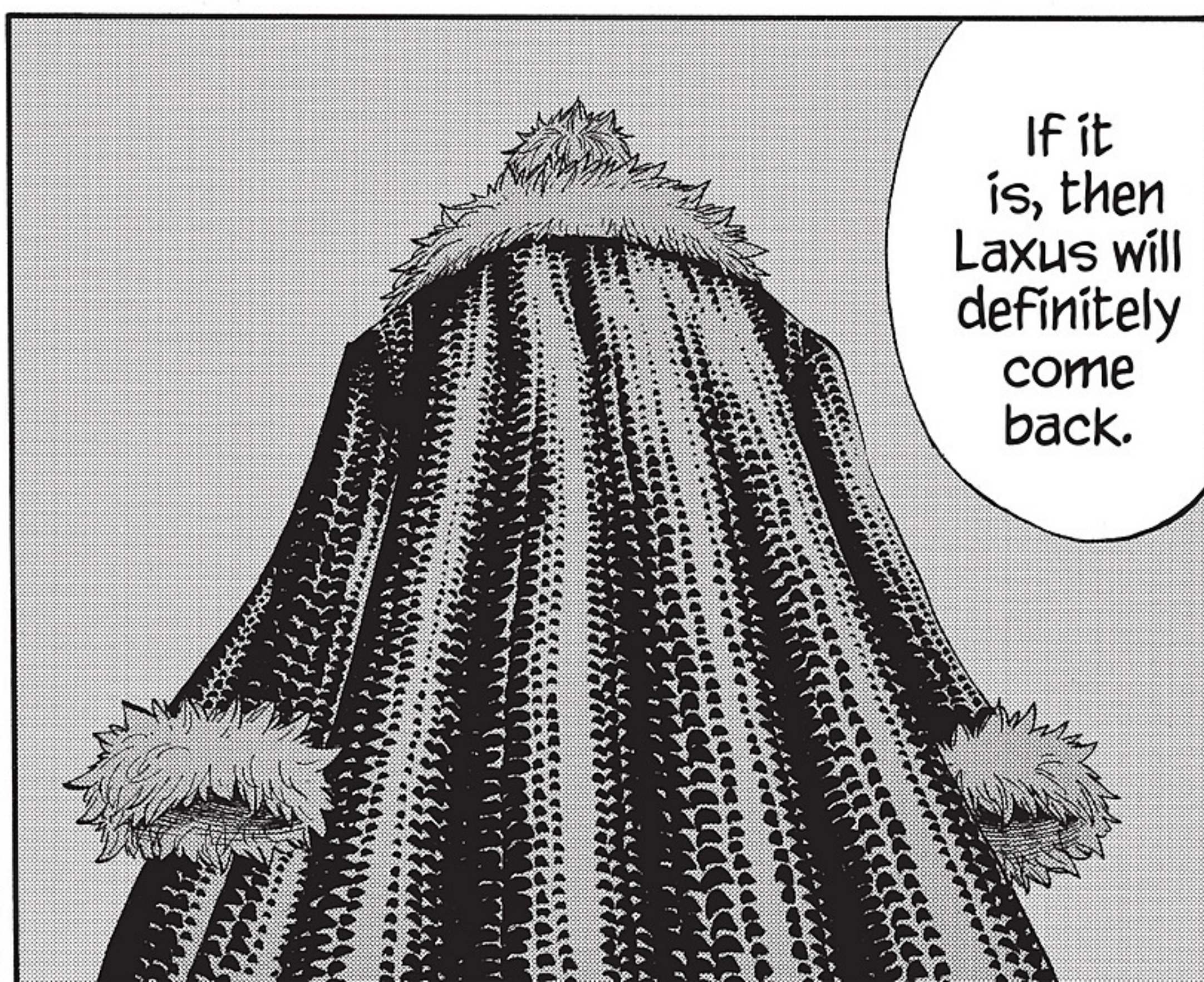
Probably.

Don't you
think you
overdid that
stupid "weak
with women"
concept?

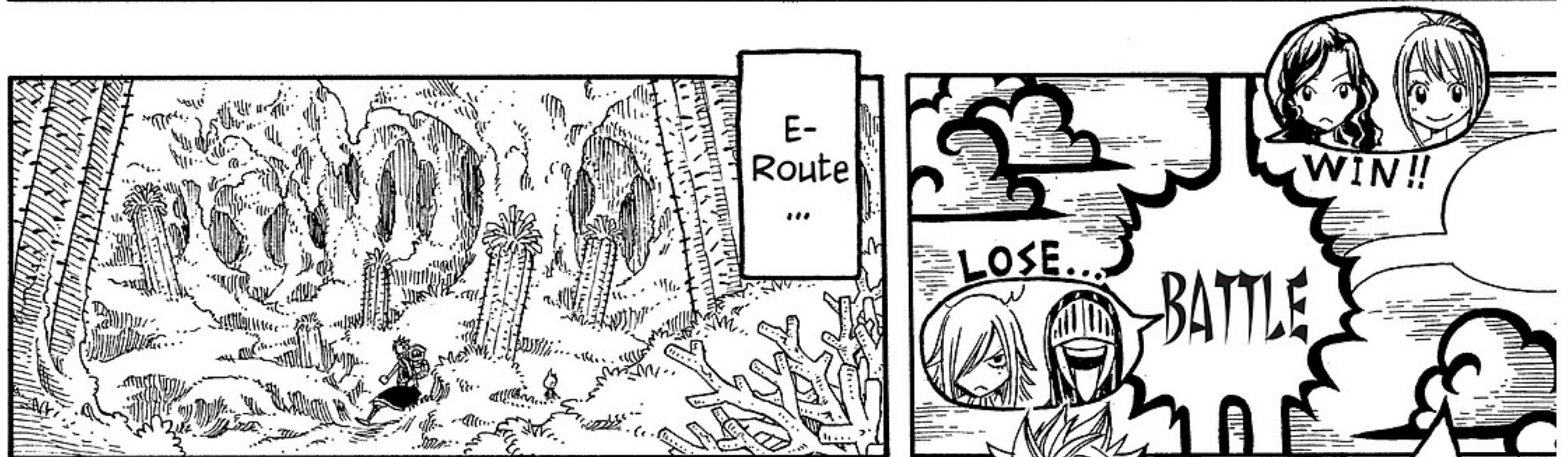


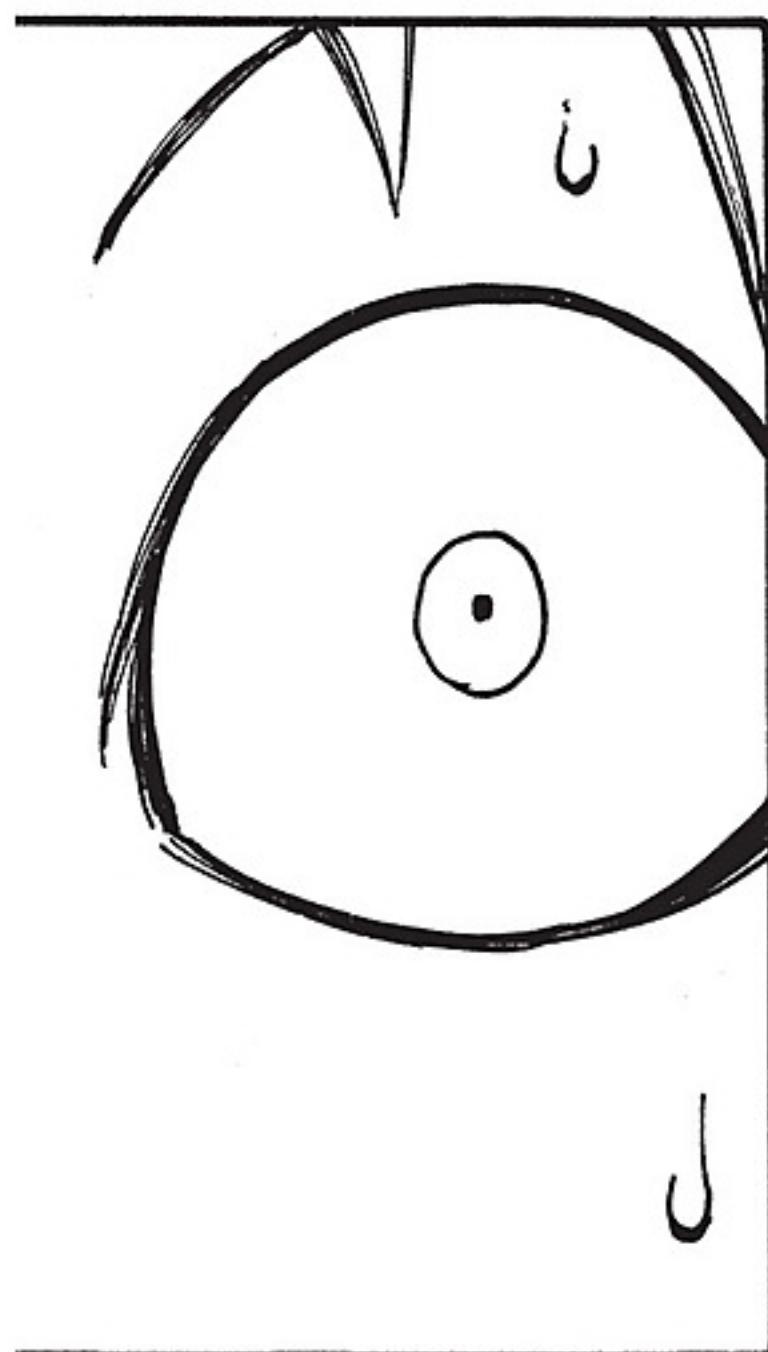
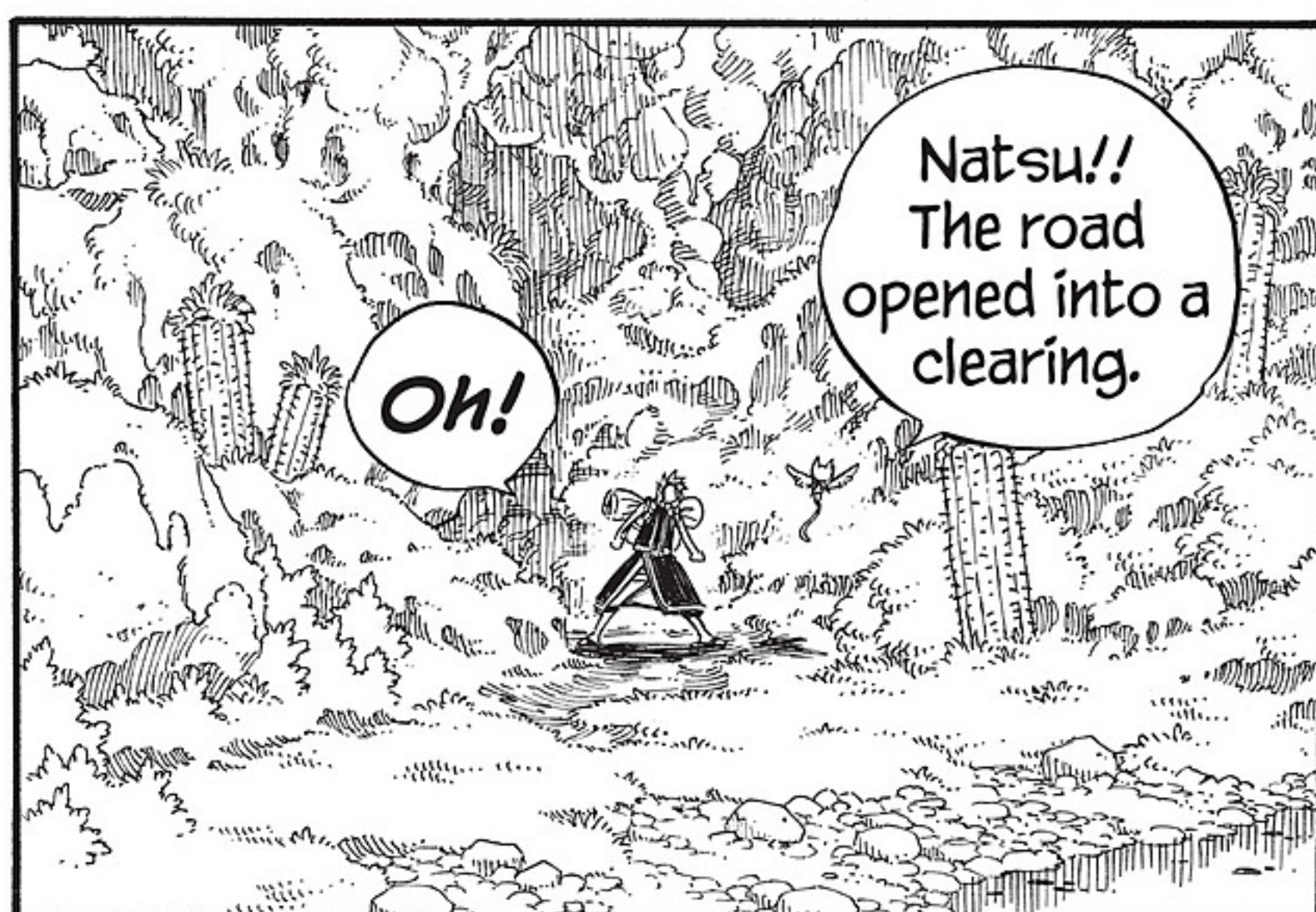
... But the
last thing I
expected...

...was to go
up against
Lucy and
Cana...



If it
is, then
Laxus will
definitely
come
back.









You know
that I hate
pullin' my
punches.



It's all
over!



Yo,
Natsu!
Bad luck,
huh?

Gildarts
!!!!



**I'M
ALL
FIRED
UP
!!!!**

GN0000

TO BE CONTINUED

Afterword

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And it's the start of, "Let the S-Class Test Begin!!" Just when I couldn't come up with a good, exciting plot, my editor made a suggestion, and it turned into this "hot" new story! I had thought of doing an S-Class test story for a while, but I had always thought of it as a contest between Natsu and Gray. But since we're here, I thought it would be a lot more fun if we got the guild into the series. So it's turned into a story that includes a lot of the guild members. But at the same time, with the huge cast, it makes both drawing and story plotting a lot more difficult. Figuring out who gets put up against who and what's going to happen in the end... It isn't the hardest thing I've ever done, but it took me a long time to work the whole thing through. Now, you can see the chaos that is my thought process, on the inside covers of the book. I mean, everything is all messed up! (By the way, my initial plan for this story and the story you will read are going to be very different.) So in the next volume, you'll find out who that mysterious man who appeared in Chapter 200 was, but I'll bet it's impossible to predict. I know that since I haven't even placed a single hint of it in the book because I want it to be a complete surprise to the readers.

EMERGENCY REQUEST!

EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIES OF FAIRY TAIL!

The lake behind the guild...

Mira: Sigh...

Lucy: What's wrong? What's with the sighs all of a sudden?

Mira: There were suddenly a lot of questions without anybody asking permission...

Lucy: But that means this corner is getting popular! That's a good thing, right?

Mira: It also means that there is a lot to complain about with this book.

Lucy: Now, now. Let's not overthink it. Let's pick up our game and get to the first question.

In the side story in Volume 19, Lucy said she had been in the guild for a year, but in the continuing story, it's only half a year. What is that about?



Lucy: That question...comes up a lot.

Lucy: I guess it can be a little hard to follow.

Mira: The truth is the side stories take place a little while ahead of the main story.

Lucy: But you know... About now the author will be having a few problems.

Mira: True. It seems that he thought the guild of a year from now would be pretty much the same as the guild is now.

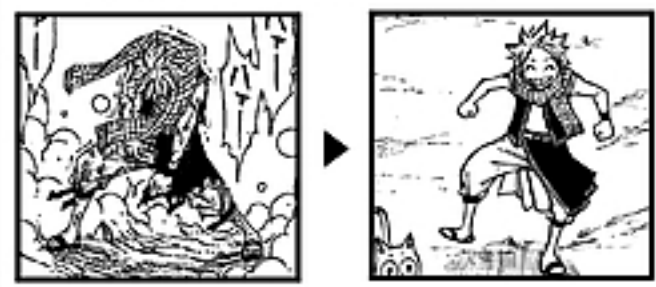
Lucy: Yeah, the whole thing is beginning to look a little suspicious...

Mira: So I'll clear it all up right now. From now on, if there are any discrepancies between the side stories and the continuing story line, those side stories all become **LUCY'S DREAM**, and we'll leave it at that.

Lucy: You're going to actually use the old, "It was all a dream" cliché?!!

Mira: Next question.

Just how many sets of the same clothes does Natsu have?



Continued on the right-hand page.

Continued from the left-hand page.

Lucy: They're always getting ripped to shreds, and later they're right back to normal, huh?

Mira: Those clothes are a special type that doesn't burn.

Lucy: Wha?! Is that right?!!

Mira: Sure! They were made special for him by a Magnolia tailor.

Lucy: He could get a different design now and again.

Mira: Face it. It's a pain to come up with things like that. For the author...

Lucy: You shouldn't be saying things like that...

How was Mystogan able to close the anima?



Mira: Before we try to answer that, first we have to reveal a bit of Mystogan's back story.

Lucy: His real name is Jellal. He's the Jellal from Edolas.

Mira: A long time ago, when Laxus said, "Another..." that's what he was talking about. "Another Jellal," was what he was about to say.

Lucy: How Laxus knew about it is a mystery though.

Mira: And six years ago, he came to Earth-land to close the anima.

Lucy: Anima are those holes in the sky, remember?

Mira: Right! Mystogan used those rods of his to close the holes in the sky. He'd go, "Unf!" and do it.

Lucy: Really...? But Mystogan was originally from Edolas, so he doesn't have any magic inside him...

Mira: All of his magic came from those rods he always carried around with him.

Lucy: I wonder if everybody from there is doing okay...

Mira: They're fine! I'm sure they're all doing just great! After all, Mystogan is a member of the Fairy Tail guild!

Lucy: That's true, huh?

Mira: Mira!

Mira: Lisanna!!

Lisanna: Lucy's here too!! We have to go!! The party's about to start!!

Lucy: Party?

Lisanna: The party celebrating my coming back to life!! Yaay!

Mira: You're right. Shall we go?

Lucy: (Great! It looks like Mira's happy and not sighing anymore!)

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▲ There are a lot of Wendy postcards!! Thanks!!

Shizuoka Prefecture, Baboon



▲ A sexy Erza. She's putting in her work helping to oversee the test!

Miyagi Prefecture, Tomota



▲ This one's kind of cool! This Natsu!

Shizuoka Prefecture, Sixth-Grade Clover



▲ Lisanna's popularity is on the rise too! Celebrate! She's come back to life!

Saitama Prefecture, Love ♡ PT



▲ Look at all those characters! Thanks for all the work!

Kagawa Prefecture, Okawa



▲ What's this?! Someone who has been reading me ever since my debut work? Wait, that's good!

Nagano Prefecture, Yuki Ito



▲ Wroa!! Everybody's suddenly grown fangs!



▲ The best combination!! These guys are tough!

Saitama Prefecture, G-Dan



▲ So what's going to happen between these two?

Shizuoka Prefecture, OSK



Saitama Prefecture, Rina Maruyama



▲ A rather sad Carla. It's a good thing that she made it back safely!

Gumma Prefecture, Mai Shimizu



▲ For some reason Coco is immensely popular. Will she show up again sometime?

Hiroshima Prefecture, Rinsu



▲ Now this is amazing!! I'm sure it was a hard thing to draw!! Good job!!

Oita Prefecture, Black-and-White Bunny



▲ Oh, hey! That's good! This person draws Carla better than I do!

REJECTION
CORNER



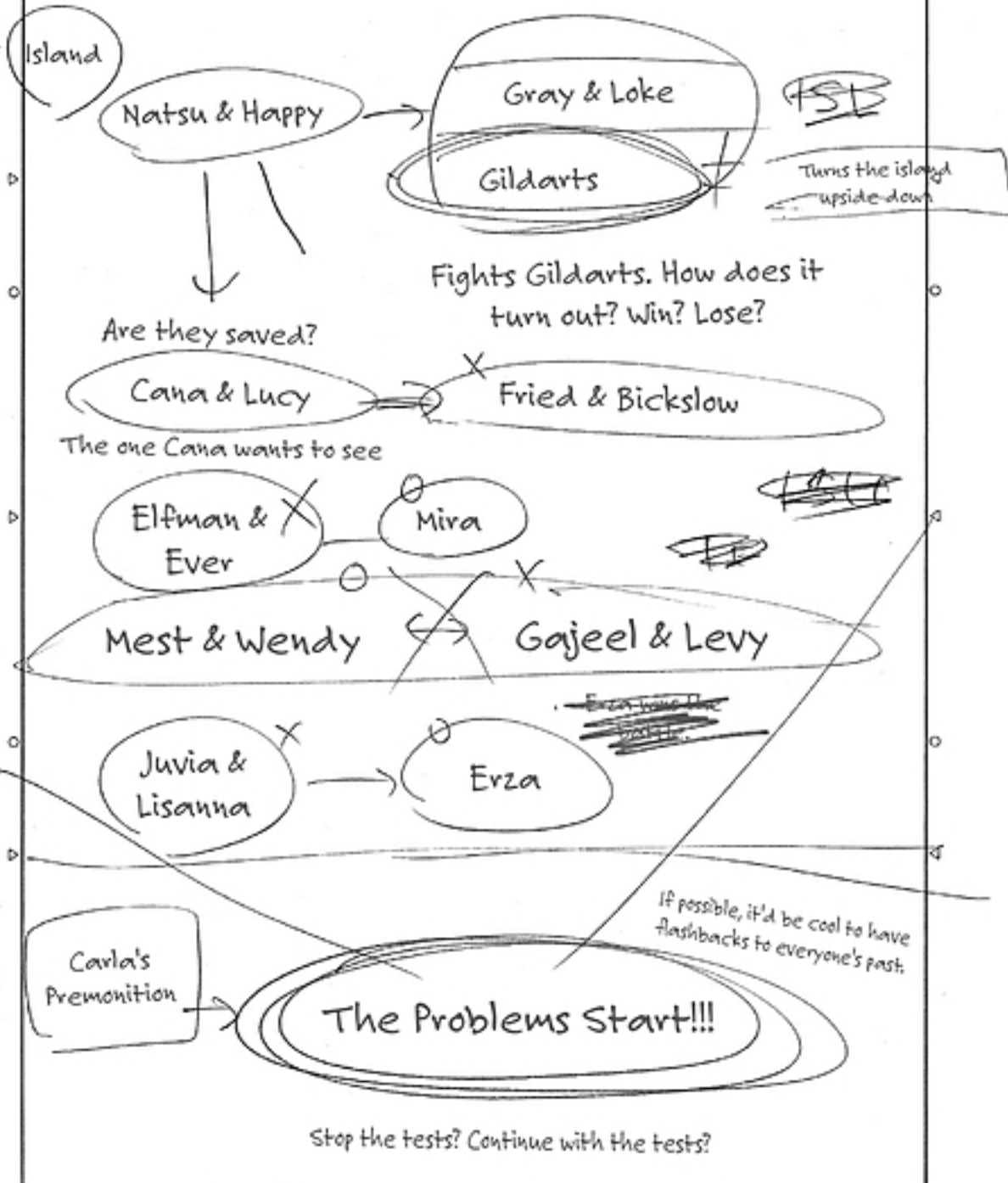
Hokkaido, Kentaro Fujitani

▲ And there it is... Yeah, I thought something like this could come. It's guy. And a whole lot of him...

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FAIRY TAIL 24

Fairy Tail S-Class Wizard Test Contents



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~~Mest's real identity, Grimoire Hartaros,~~
guild man, ~~Council Member~~

Mysterious Man

Tôma

Matayu

Inberu

Fuyuki

Death Magic

Think of a name

He appears before Natsu.

Cana's person.

Reason for going off alone?

Lucy → Searches for Cana

Gray → Goes on to Second Test.
(His promise with Loke)



The Highest Level Battle!!!!

Makarov ~~loses his life~~

The Island's Secret

A secret that Fairy Tail must not reveal about Fairy Tail's past.

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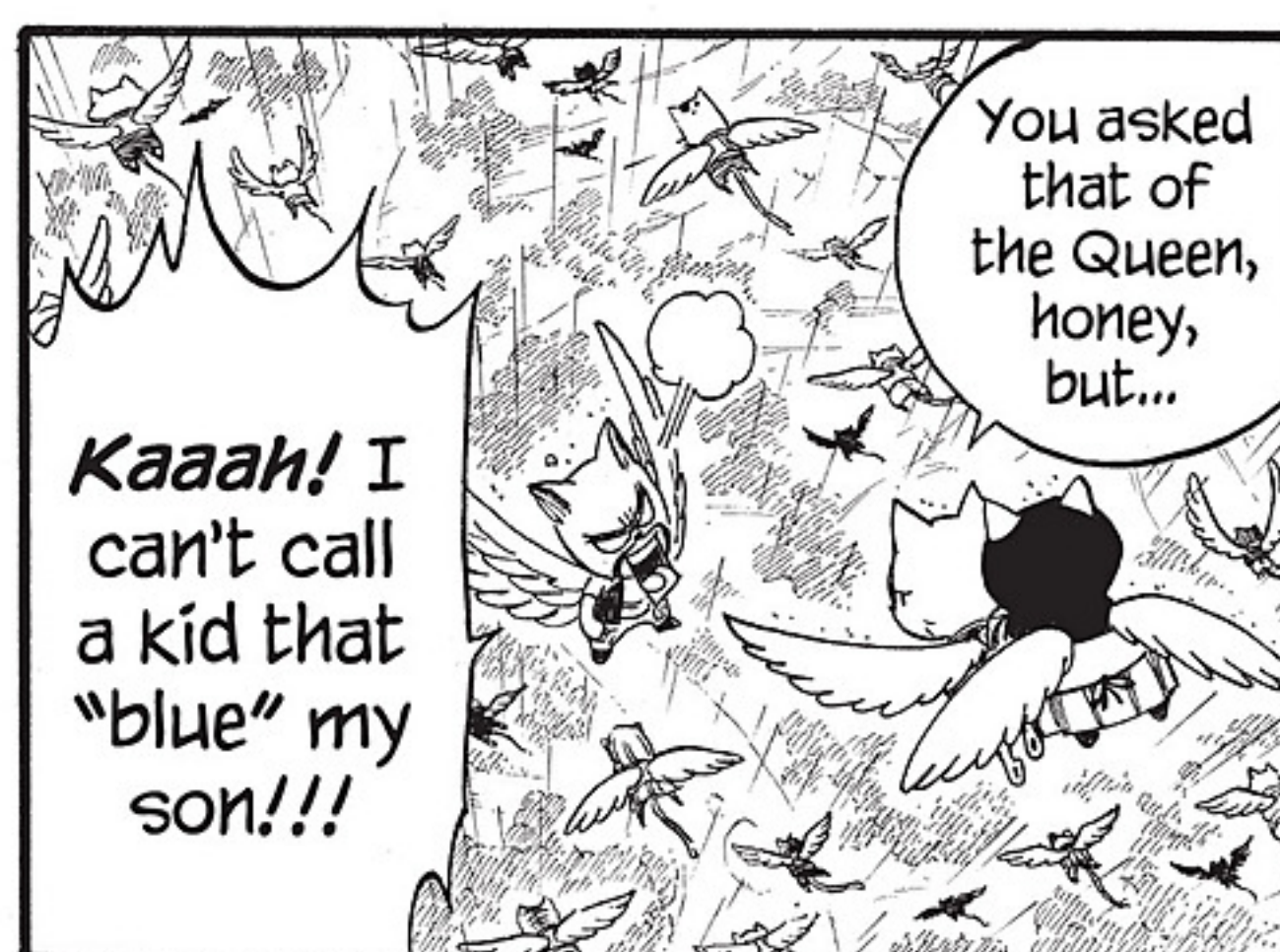
I've got too much to do lately.
But it's all things I can't tell you
about yet!
I had to think about *that*.
I had to get to work drawing *that*.
I had to check *that* thoroughly.
I had to...
I had to...
You get the picture.
I just have too much to do that isn't
connected with putting out my
weekly installments in *Magazine*!
My head is in chaos!
I want you all to know about it now!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

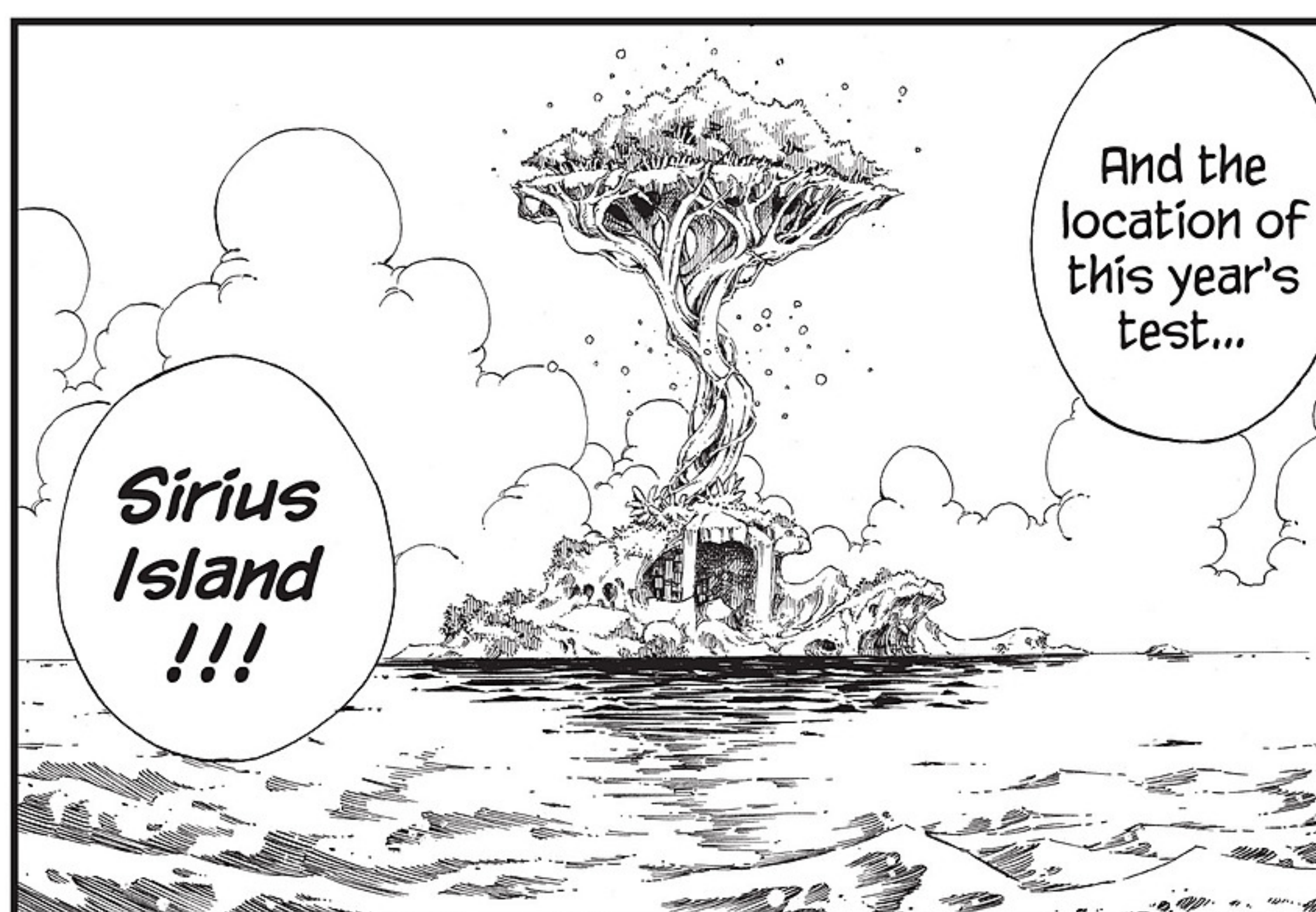
Page 37, Blue

In Japanese, the word for "blue," *ao*, covers a range of colors from pale green to deep blue. So when someone is "green," (as in inexperienced), they use the term, *ao*, instead of "green." Unfortunately the pun doesn't work well in English considering Happy's deep blue coloring, so I left the sentence as a literal translation.



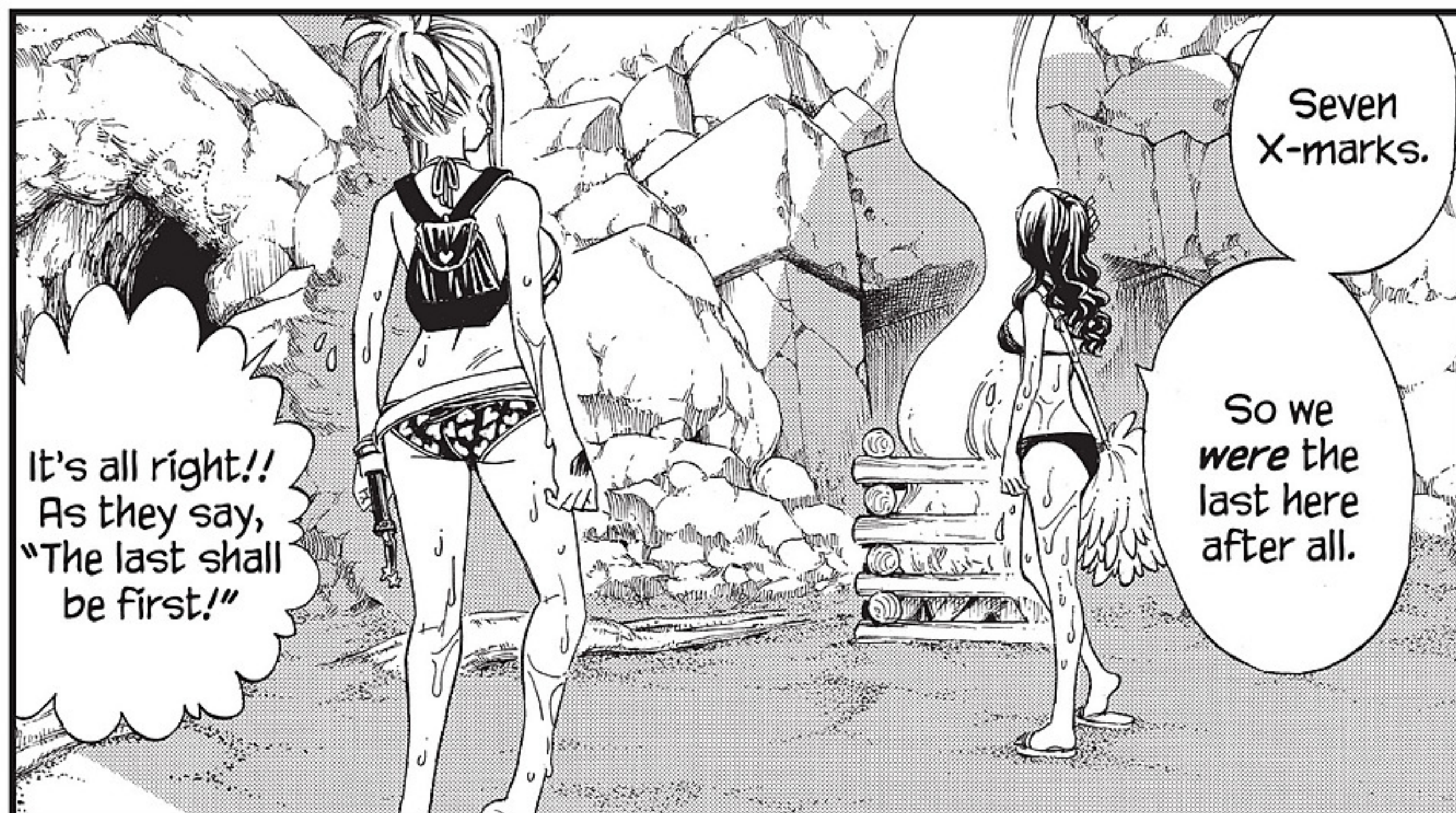
Page 101, Sirius Island

The Japanese name for this island is Tenrô-jima ("Heaven Wolf Island,") but Tenrô is also the name for the Dog Star of the heavens, Sirius.



Page 144, The last shall be first

In the original, this was a common Japanese phrase, "*Nokorimono ni wa fuku ga aru*," meaning that those who are left behind have special providence.



Page 145, Spirit-luminescent

The original Japanese was, *riekômushi*, which, using different kanji, is the same Japanese word for bioluminescence. In bioluminescence, the first *kanji* is *rei* and means, "cold" (referring to a light source other than fire or incandescence). In the Fairy Tail world, the first *kanji* is also pronounced *rei*, but it means "ghost" or "spirit."



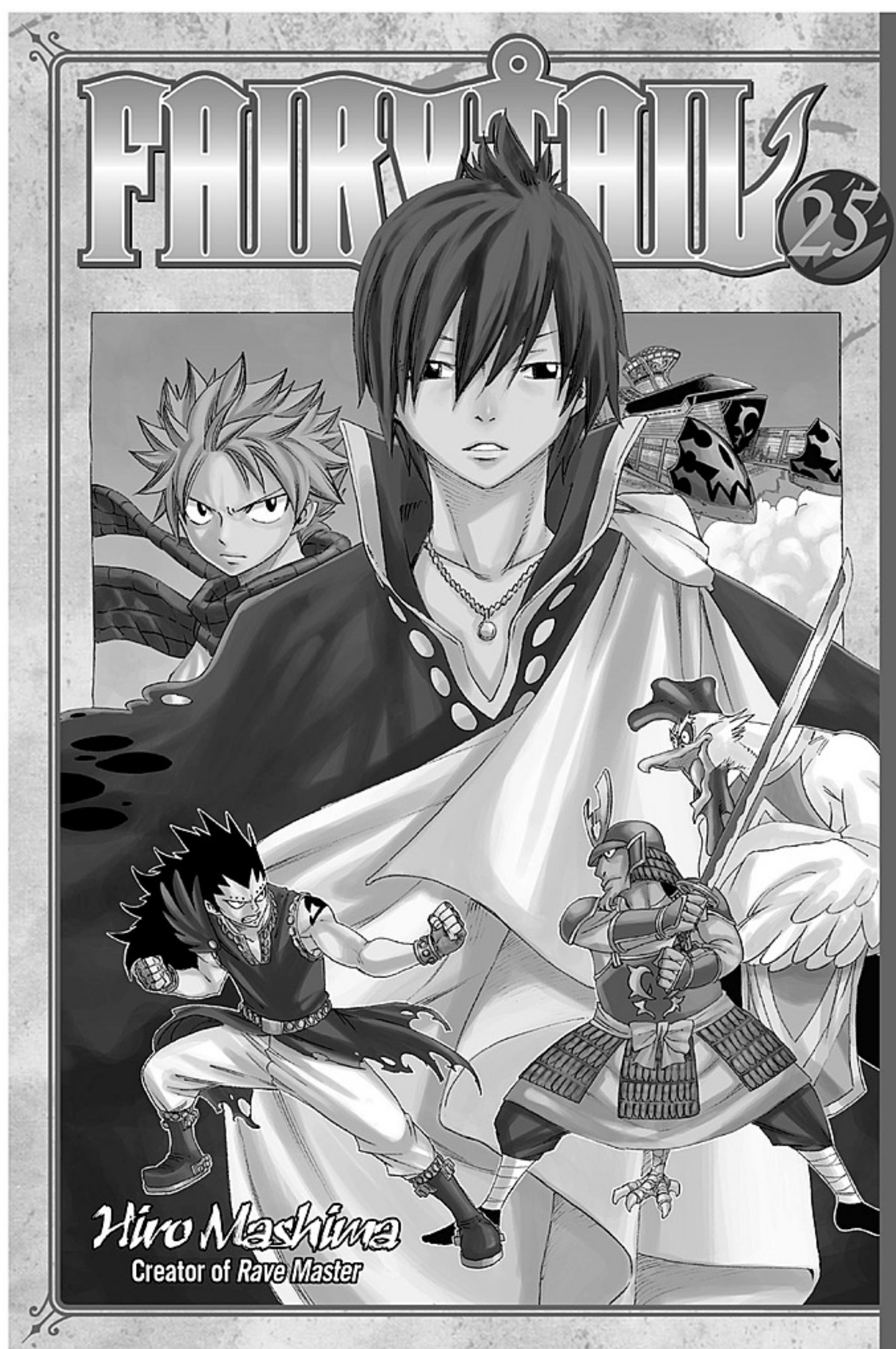
Page 153, "Vi" is for vigilant cleaning

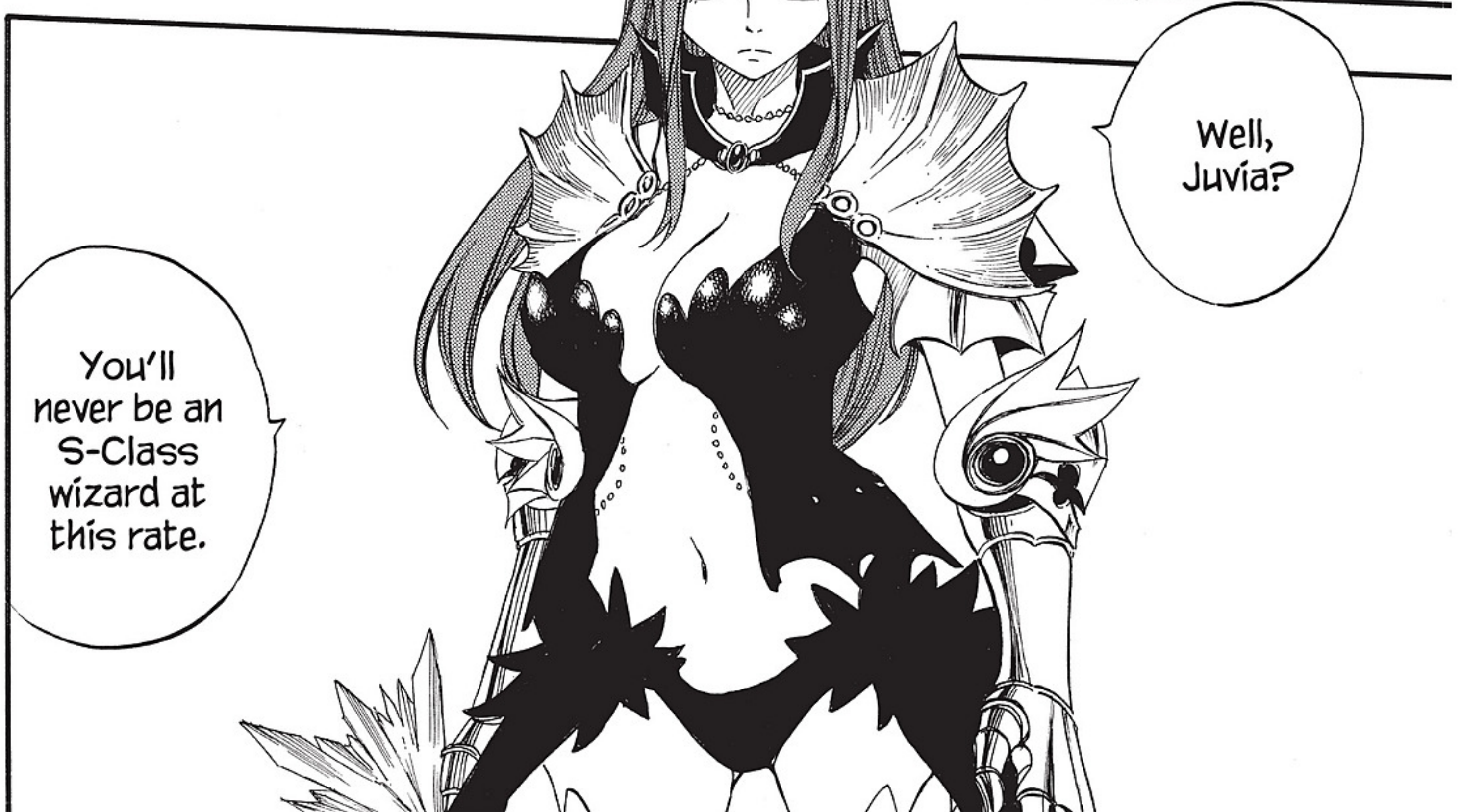
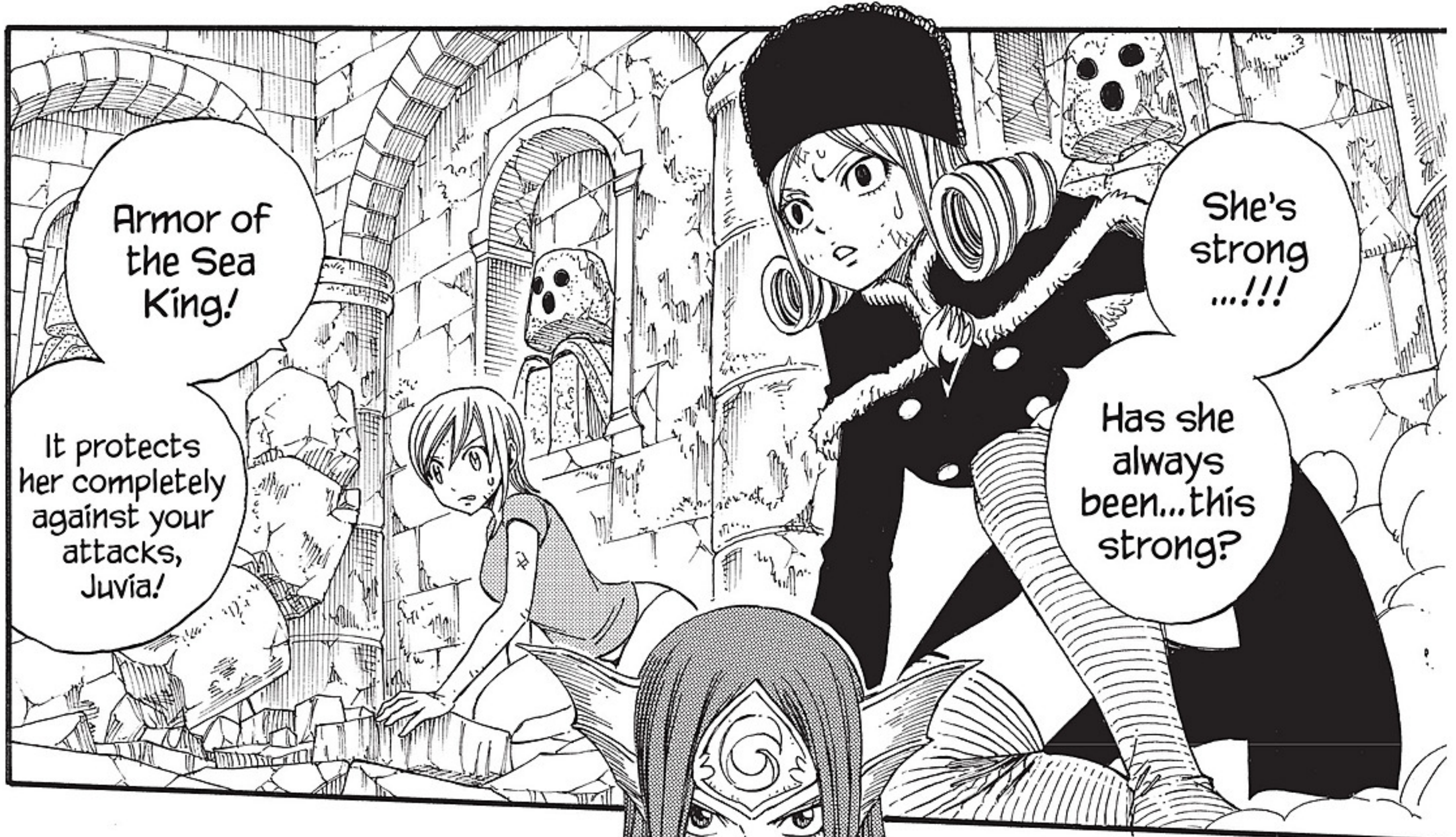
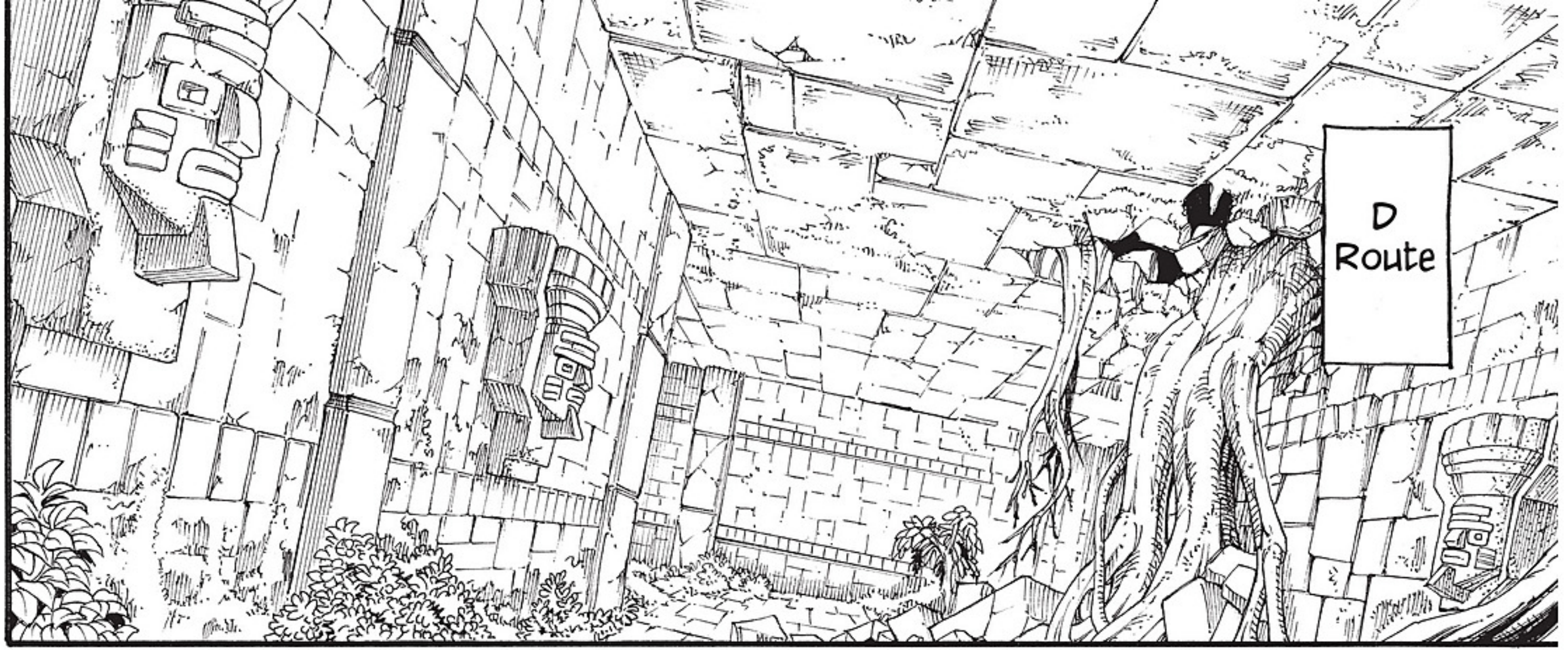
The Japanese version was pretty much the same, only it used the Japanese syllabery rather than the alphabet. So Virgo, which is spelled *Barugo* in Japanese, used the same "Vi is for" pattern, but instead did it for "ba," "ru," and "go."



Preview of *Fairy Tail*, volume 25

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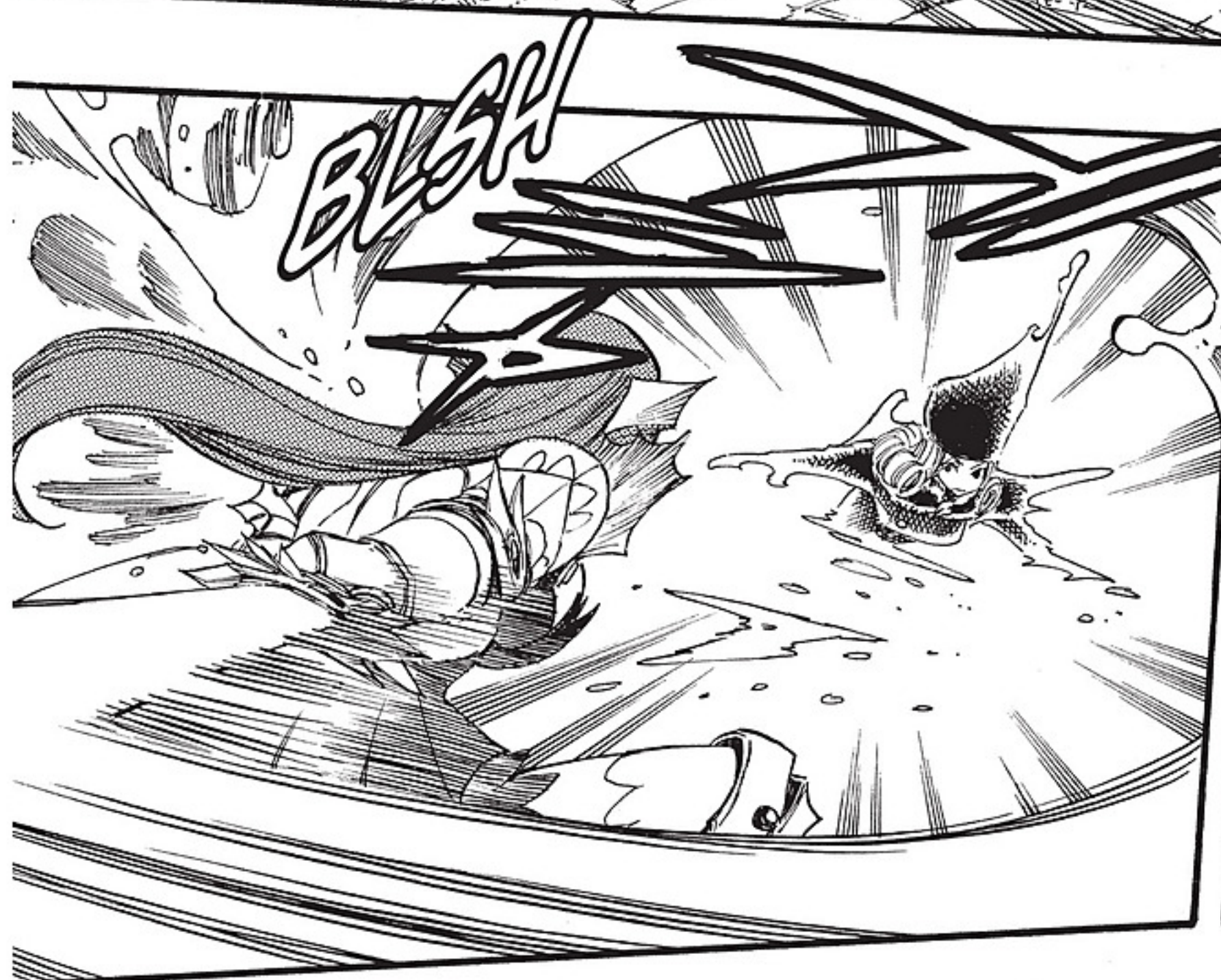
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you!!

ZSHAAAAA

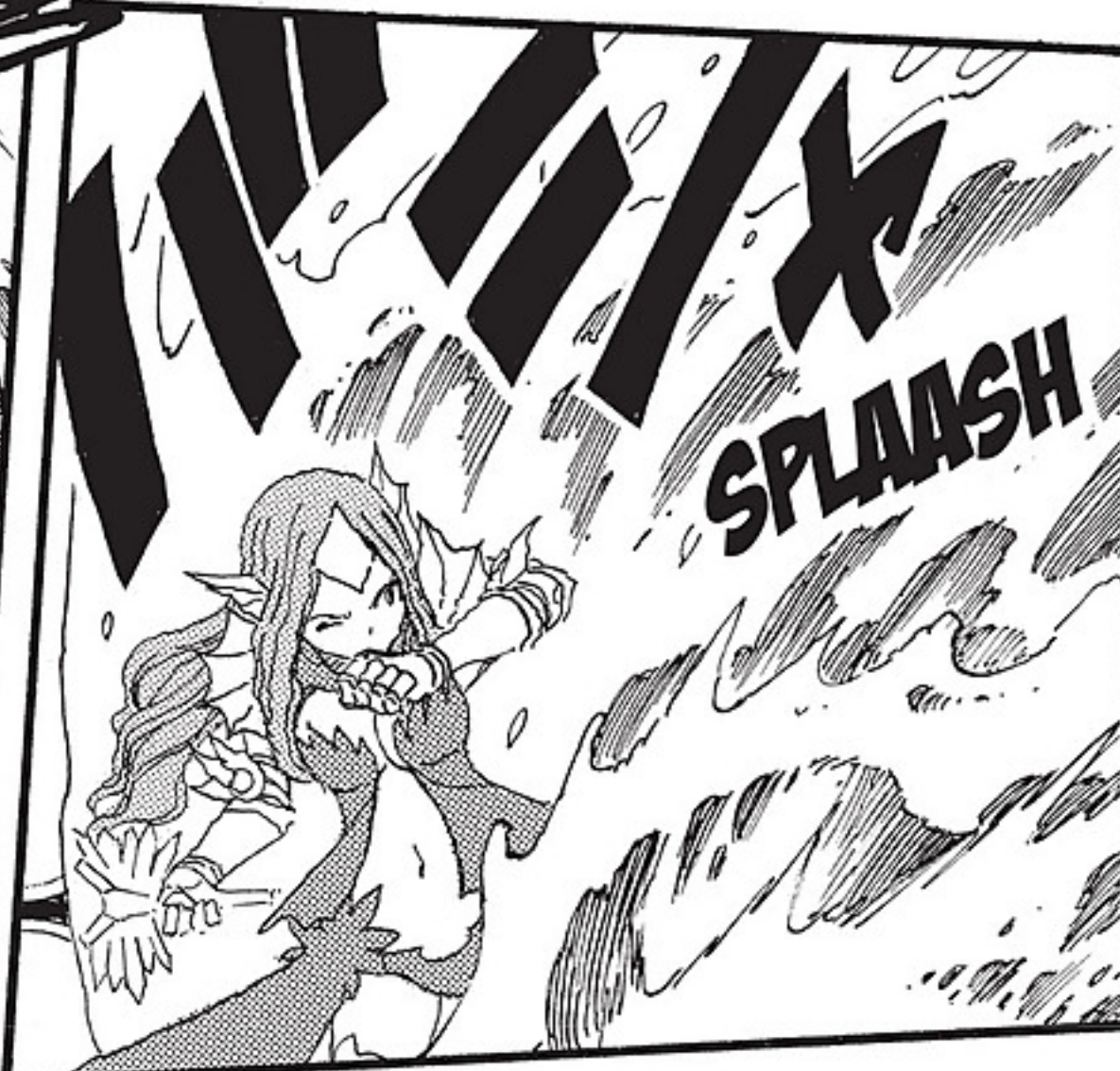


Juvia
will...

PLISH



BUSH

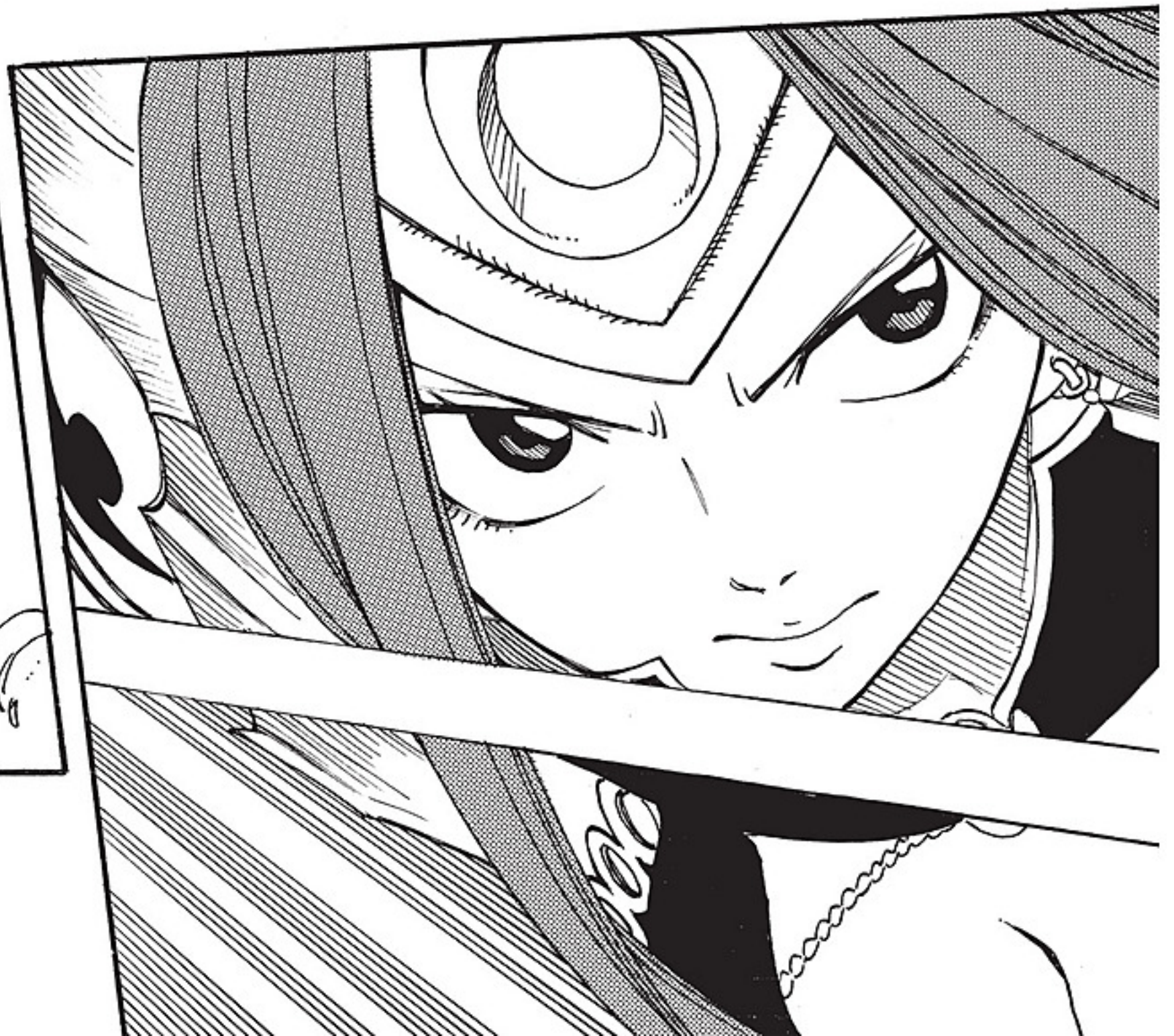
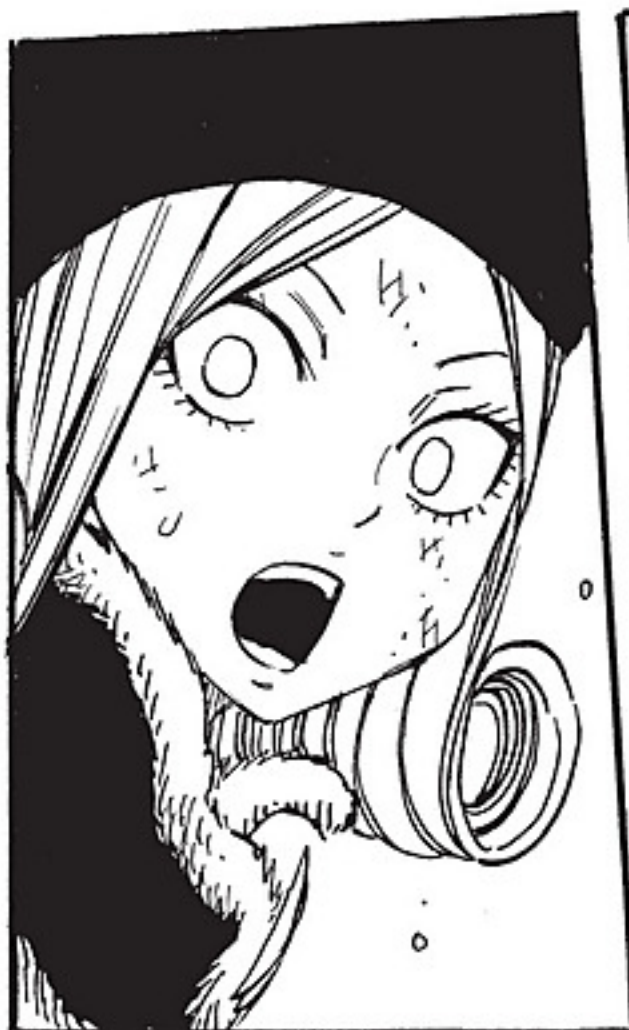
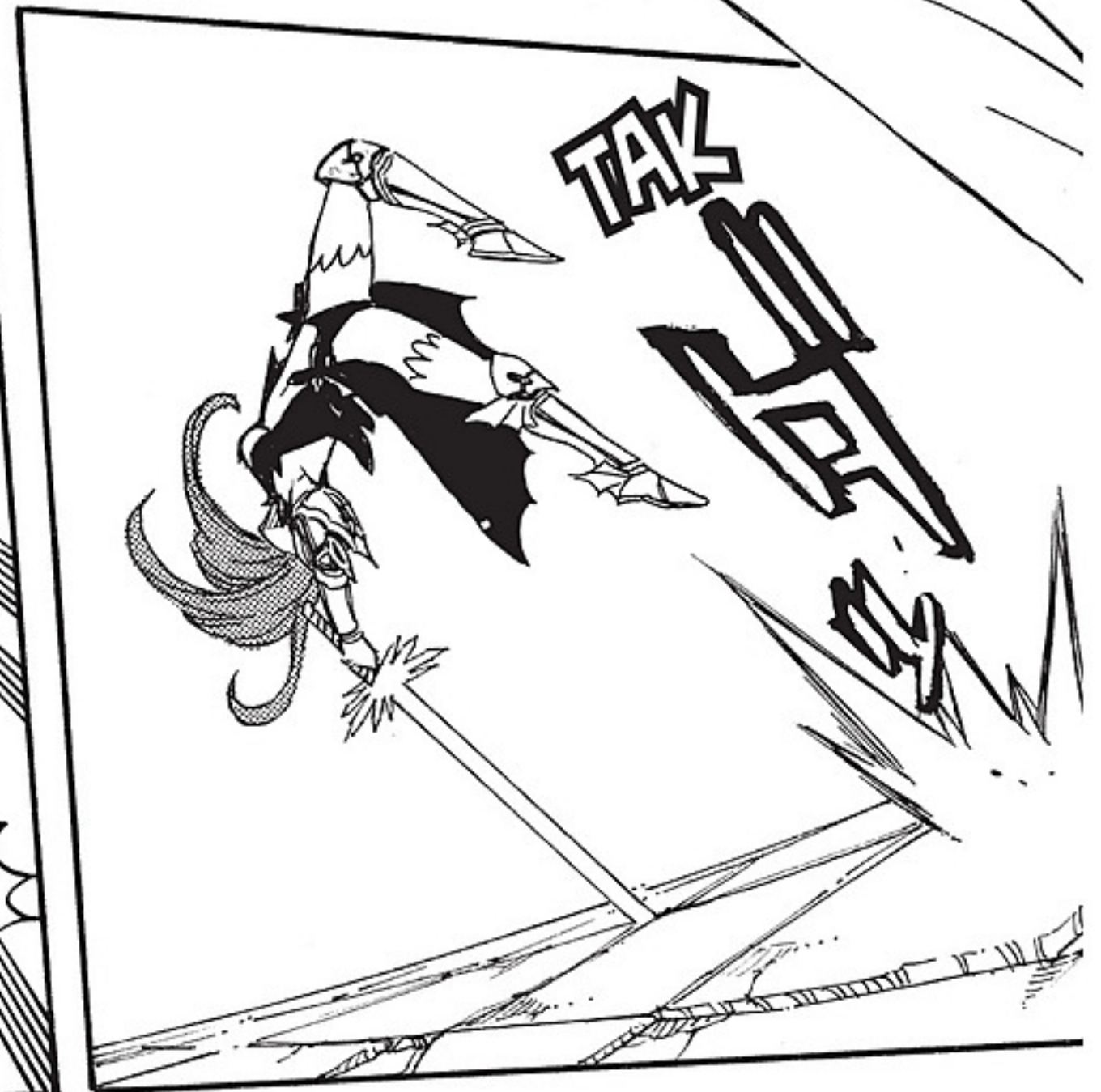
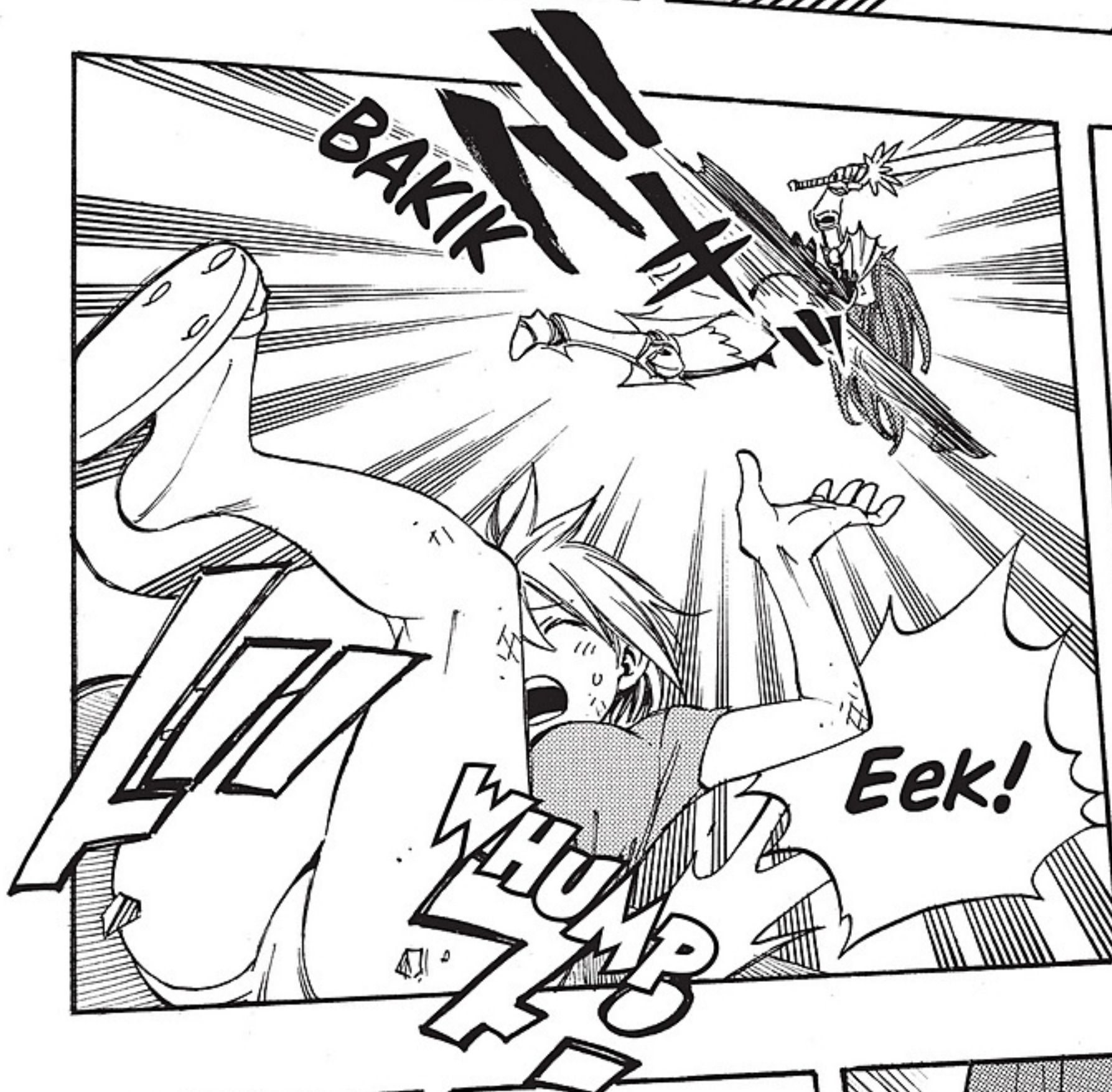


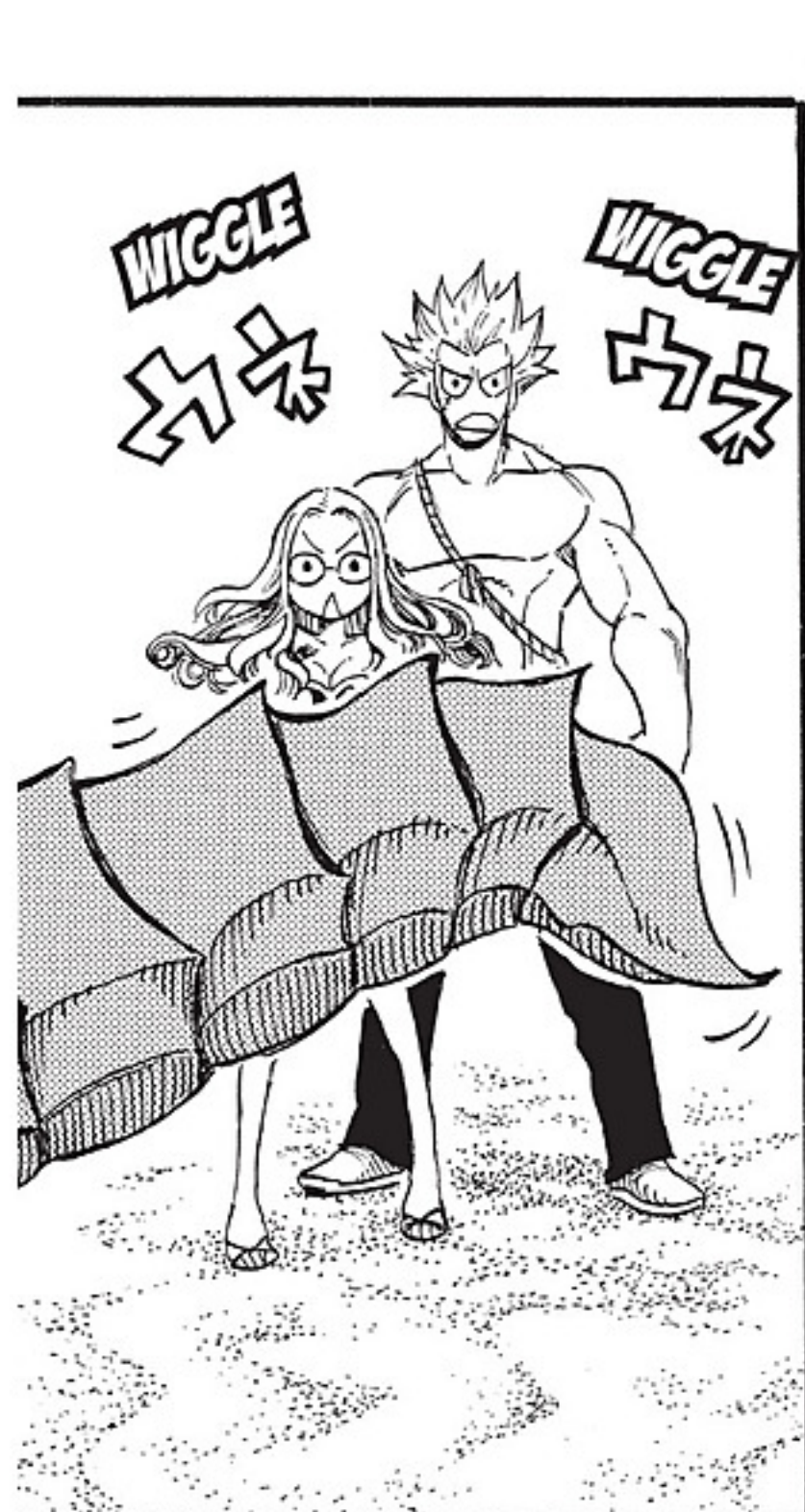
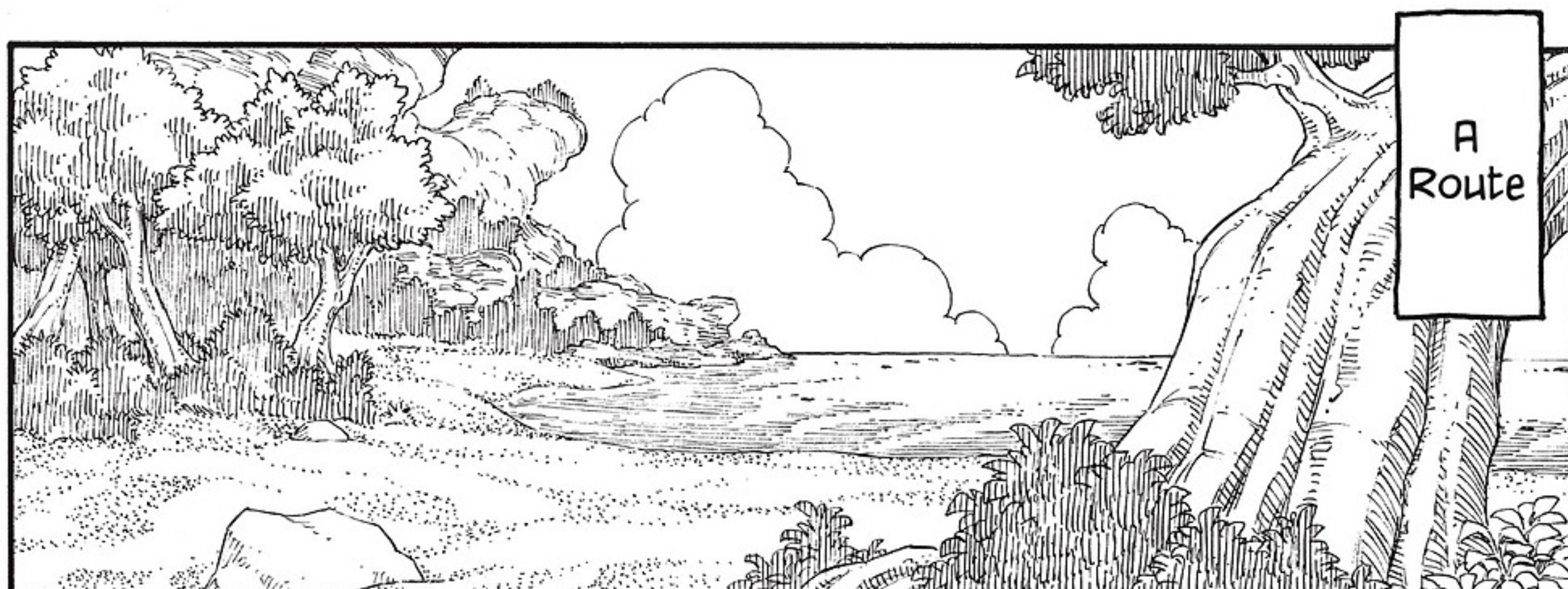
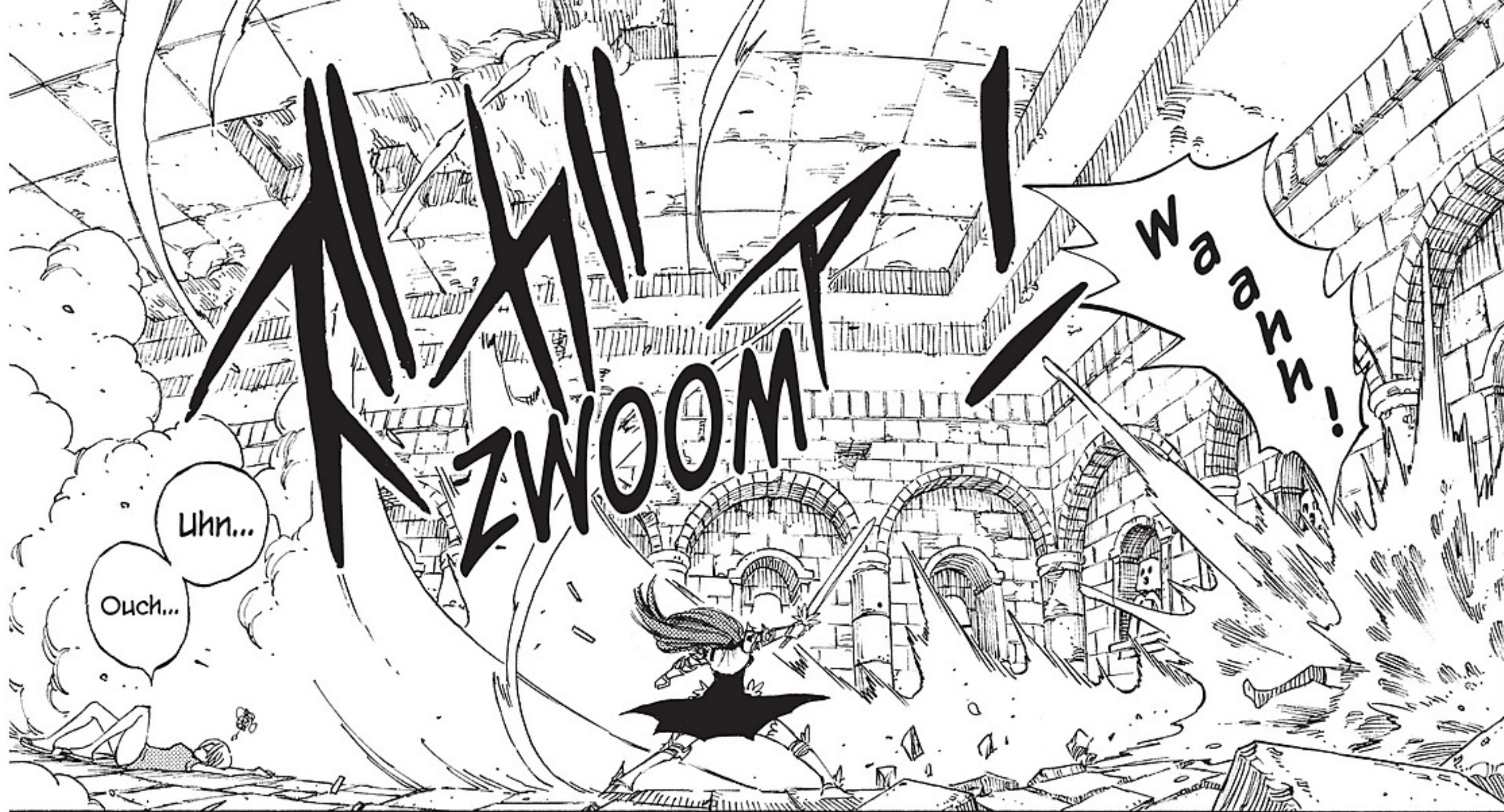
SPLASH



WATER
SLICER
!!!!

WOOOSH

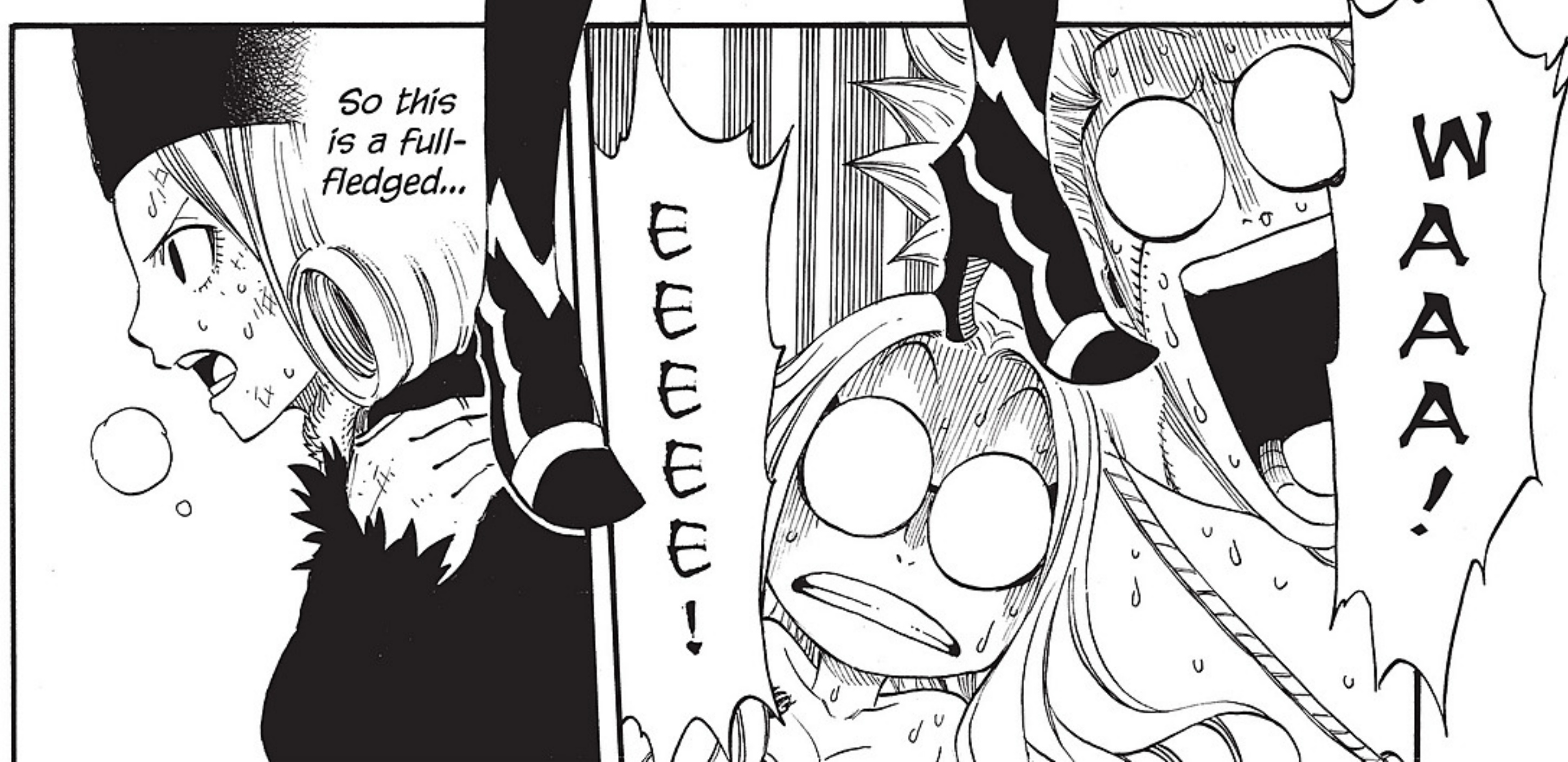






You may be
my brother,
but I won't
pull my
punches...

Elfman!



So this
is a full-
fledged...

W
A
A
A!



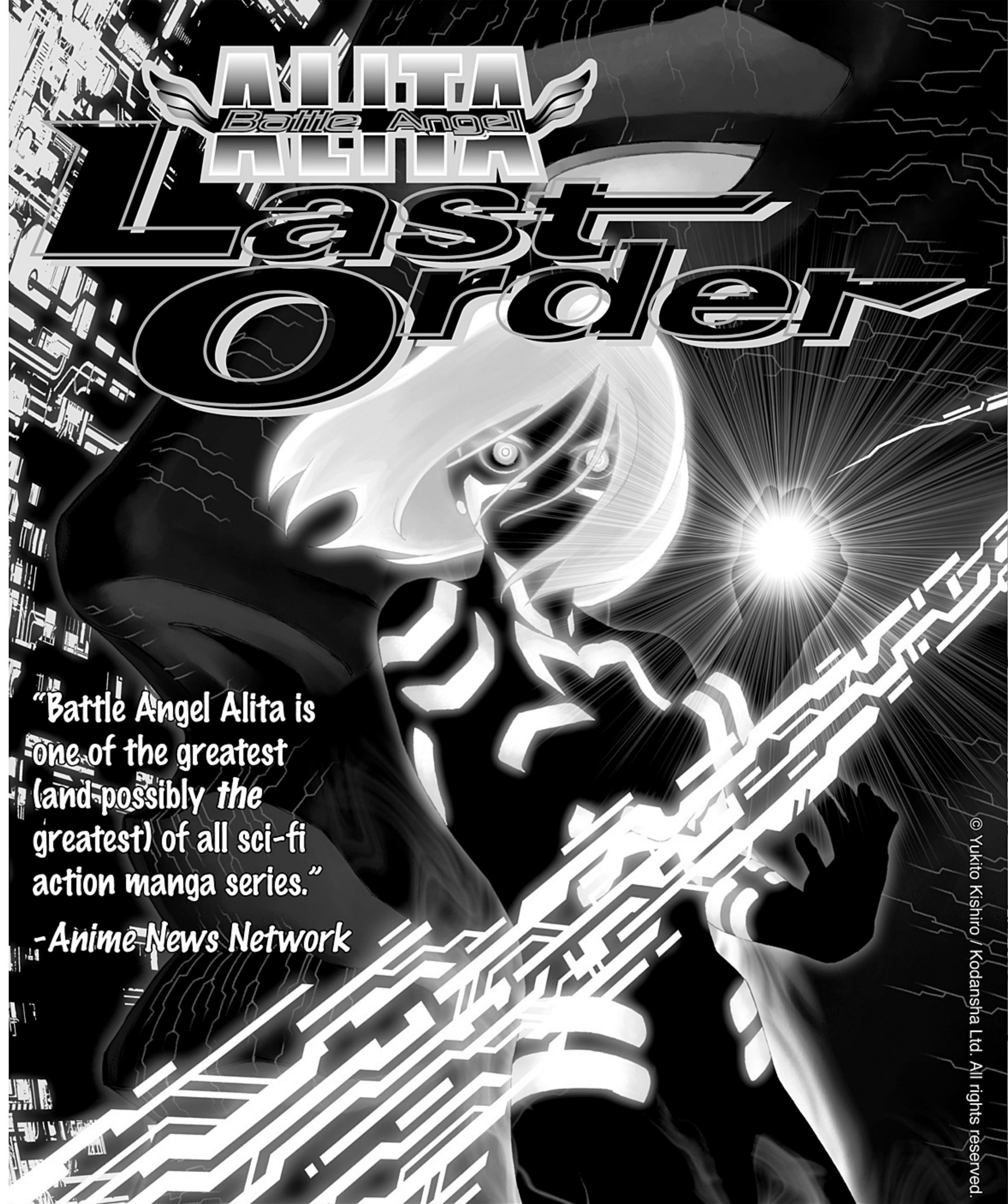
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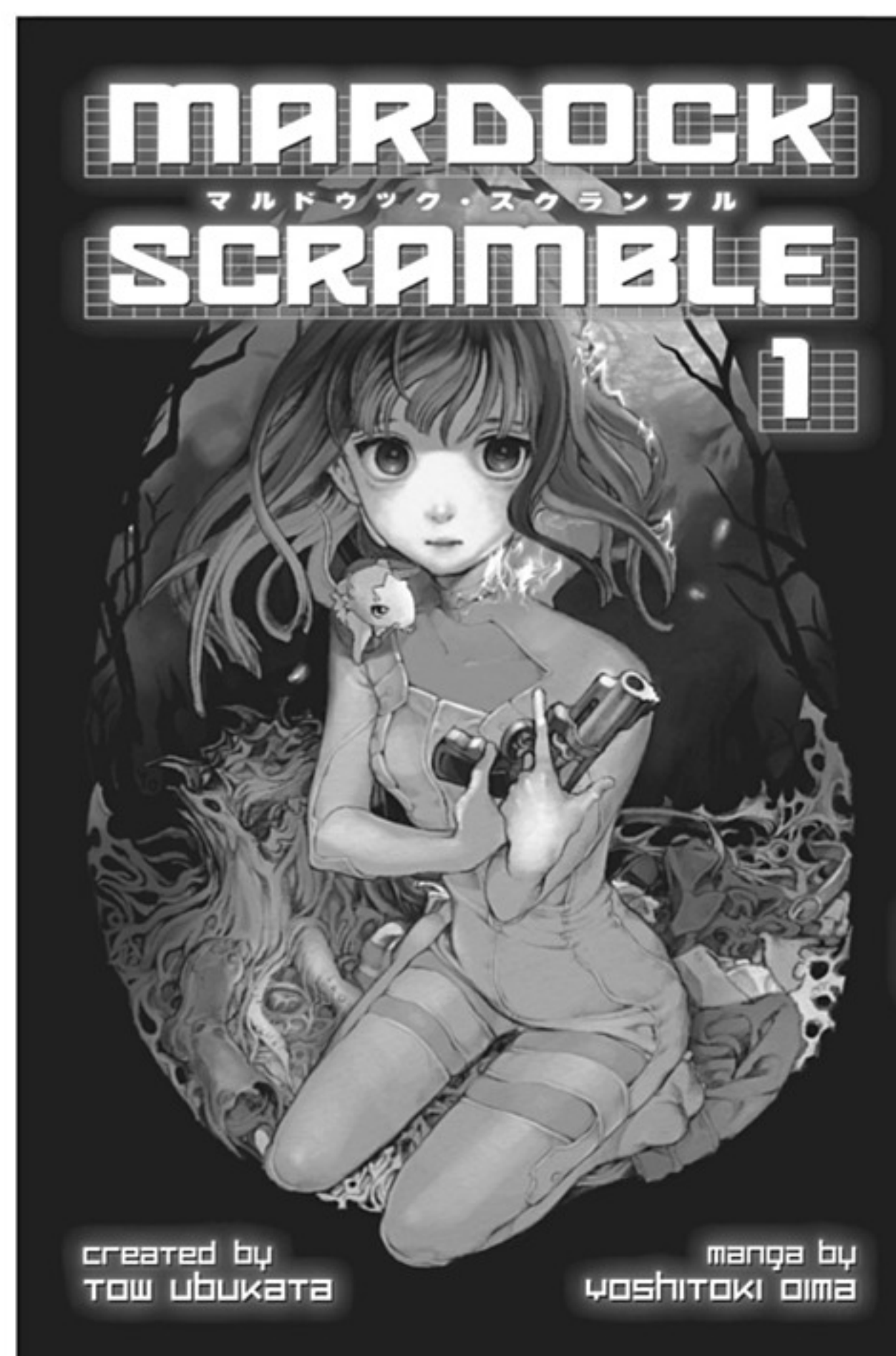


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Art by

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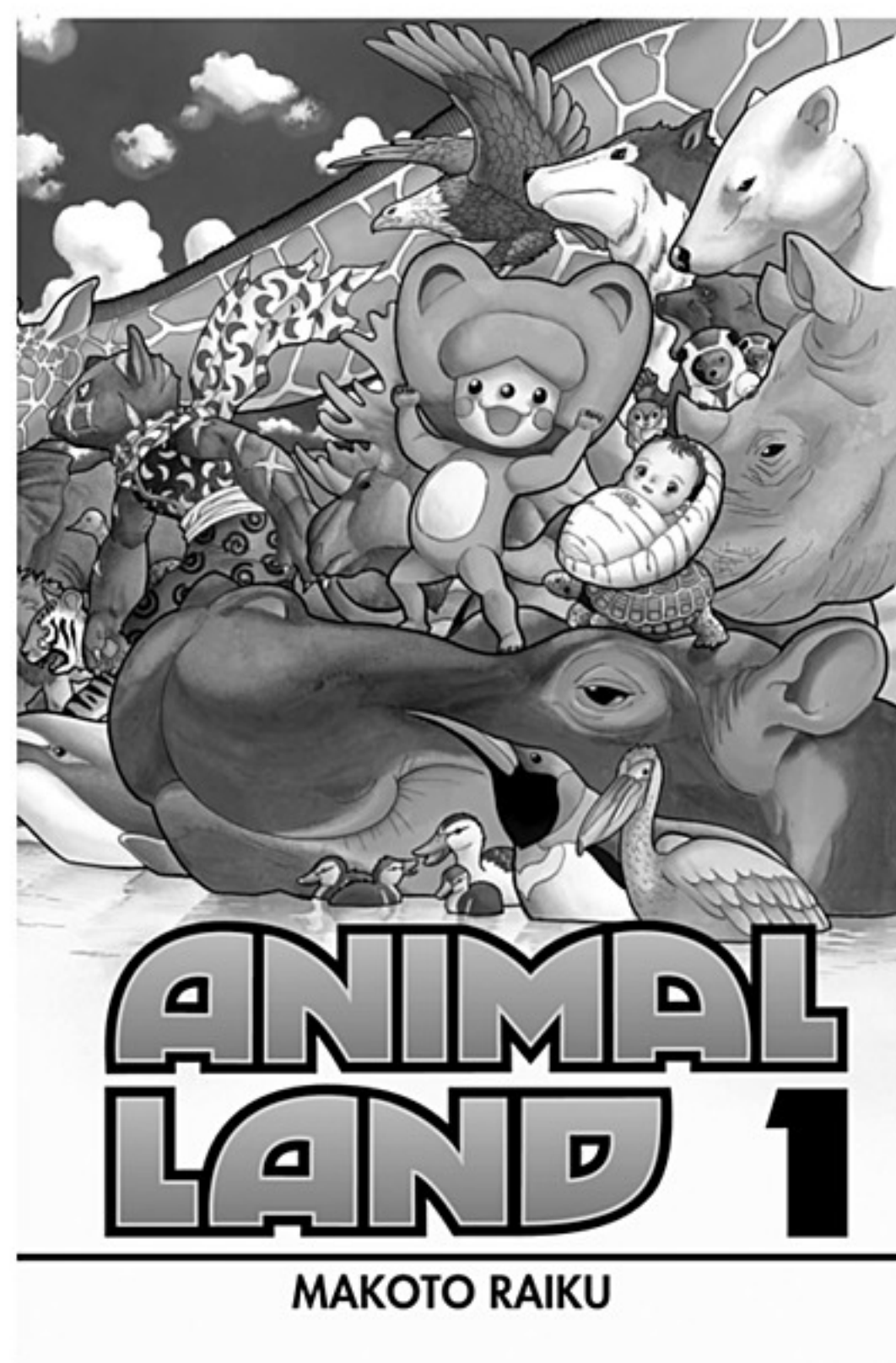
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